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SOCEROOS TAKE SHAPE

By John Field

After all the comings and goings of candidates for Australia's World Cup squad, there will be few surprises today (Tuesday) when the 22-man party to play New Zealand in Auckland is announced.

In fact, our information is that coach Rudi Gutendorf will mainly place his faith in the men who have

been regulars in his team for some time.

A third goalkeeper will be included as back-up to Allan Maher and Greg Woodhouse: West Adelaide's Martyn Crook will fill that spot.

Late-comers in the squad could be Baz Giampaolo, Billy Rogers, Alan Niven, John Kosmina and Steve Blair.

The rest of the players will be well-known and well-tried performers.

Next Monday when the Soccerroos fly out to Sydney, six will be left and only 16 will board the plane.

I expect the 16 travellers to be:

Maher, Woodhouse, Perry, Tansey, Henderson, Barnes, Davidson, Blair, Sharne, Boden, Rogers, Yzendoorn, Cole, Krncevic, Giampaolo and Kosmina.

If this is the Auckland team plus five reserves, it will mean Gutendorf has

left out one of the players he has been selecting consistently for some time.

That player is Mark Jankovics. If Jankovics is to be classed as a striker, he must

come into contention with such players as Giampaolo and Kosmina.

On the other hand, if the coach still classifies Jankovics as a midfielder, he

will have to nudge Boden, Rogers or Davidson aside.

Whichever way you look at it, Marconi's Mark could be battling to win a seat on that plane to Auckland.

KIWI COACH RULES "NO PLAY"

New Zealand World Cup players will not be released to play for their Philips League clubs next weekend.

Six players are involved, they are Richard Wilson and

Duncan Cole (Canberra Arrows), Clive Campbell and Brian Turner (Wollongong Wolves), Steve Sumner (Newcastle KB) and Glen Dods (Adelaide City).

"This time New Zealand's needs come first," said Kiwi coach

John Adshead, adding, "even though I appreciate the wishes of the clubs."

The NZ squad enters camp on Friday and will remain together until May 30.

PSL clubs will not be happy to hear that the

NZ-based members of Adshead's squad WILL play for their clubs next weekend.

It seems the NZ Football Association has more power over its exiles than over its domestic competition players!

S.A. PLAYERS WALK-OUT!

By Tom McKain

The walkout by five Adelaide City Giants from fringe Soccerroo squad training sums up the feeling of the majority of S.A. players and fans towards the national squad.

While most players and officials are unwilling to say what they think, Giants captain and midfielder Gary Marocchi summed it up when he said: "If there isn't one player in SA worth a place in the Soccerroos, there is something wrong with our Soccer."

The refusal to train came from Marocchi, goalkeeper Peter Marshall, full-back Bugsy Nyskohus, forward Johnny Nyskohus, and stopper David Jones.

All gave family reasons for not wanting to have extra training Thursday nights, as they already trained four times a week with their club.

Marocchi said he felt sure anyone would train if he had been in the main squad.

Full-back Bobby Russell and midfielder Sergio Melta are the only two Giants still with the shadow group.

Goalkeeper Martyn Crook and full-back Vic Bozanic from West Adelaide are still training, as are team-mates Zoran Maricic (defender) and striker Tim Brown, who

were added by assistant national coach Les Scheinflug before the departure of the disgruntled Giants.

It is perhaps significant that of the group still training only Crook is married.

State Director of Coaching Mike Wells, in charge of the fringe training along with coach Peter Jaksa, did sound a warning to the "rebels".

"While I sympathise with their feelings, they must remember that what they do know will be taken into consideration for future representative squads — State as well as national," he said.

Wells said S.A. Soccer has taken a hammering recently, and it was obvious it had affected the players' attitude.

"We won't have the State game against Victoria because they have asked for a postponement of the Easter Monday match, the ASF turned down our suggestion for a Soccerroo camp and match against our State team in Adelaide, and we lost what looked like a top group for the World Youth Cup after Group D was switched to Sydney."

Although the players were told that Scheinflug was upset by their decision, and would be contacting them to discuss their problems, all were still adamant that they would not train.



GARY MAROCCHI (STRIPES) IN ACTION FOR ADELAIDE CITY

EDITORIAL

Whatever happened to the wonderful idea of the Philips Youth League?

The question must be asked because the early weeks of the new season indicate that the Youth League has a priority rating of virtually nil as far as most people are concerned.

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY has been accused by some readers of not devoting sufficient space to the new competition. We like to think we give a good all-round cover of Soccer, embracing all States and most levels of competition. So we are naturally anxious to investigate such complaints.

But if the Youth League (Eastern Division), which caters for clubs like Wollongong Wolves, Newcastle KB, Sydney Olympians and the Australian Institute of Sport, does not get full cover in ASW, we are not the main offenders.

This newspaper goes to press on Monday evenings to ensure it is on sale in most States on Tuesday mornings. On many a Monday, we have attempted to get weekend results from the Youth League. We have been frustrated on most occasions.

Those results are just not available in time for publication.

Who is to blame? It would be easy to put PSL secretary Paul Kemp in the dock and pronounce him "guilty". But it is not as simple as that.

Mr Kemp appears to be an efficient secretary, although he is probably overworked. With assistance from a girl, he has to deal with a mountain of administrative duties, virtually running a national Soccer competition single-handed. No doubt, in this respect, he is envious of the facilities and staff across the Harbour Bridge in North Sydney where ASF Marketing has its opulent headquarters.

The PSL secretary cannot supply us with details of the Youth League if they are not made available to him. And ASW suspects more than one PSL club is much too slow in conveying those details to Paul Kemp.

Surely it is not too difficult a task for somebody to get a list of all the Youth League results, plus goalscorers, on a Sunday night or early on Monday morning. The information could then be passed on to ASW, or any other publication interested in publishing them, with the minimum of hassle.

Is that too simple a solution? Is it — like so many other botch-ups in this great game of Soccer in Australia — a task which nobody is capable of handling?

For the past two or three years, clubs in the Philips League fought vigorously for the establishment of a Youth League, a competition in which their many young players could exhibit their talents.

Now, in this 1981 season, the Youth League (Eastern Division) is an established fact. What a pity that so many clubs, who did so much to get the show on the road, are now less than enthusiastic about publicising the competition.

ASW writers who arrive early at PSL games say they have seen some exceptionally talented kids running around in those Youth League matches. If there is such talent on show, why not tell the people about it?

If the situation does not improve, we will have to assume that PSL clubs are interested only in their first grade teams and merely pay lip service to the Youth League.

ASW DOES have space for Youth League details. We cannot fill that space unless some people pull their fingers out.

Are you interested in advertising in AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY?

If you are, the man to contact is John Economos, in our Sydney office, phone (02) 660 2033.

"RAZOR GANG" NEEDED IN PHILIPS LEAGUE

By Keith Gilmour

Philips League clubs are overdue to make a realistic appraisal of the cost of their transport and accommodation.

Two of the biggest bills facing the clubs are those of air travel to distant away games, and the expense of incurring overnight accommodation and meals.

If the clubs do not plan now they will be caught up in unpalatable financial decisions later.

It is simply not good enough to argue that Philips Industries pick up the tab for increases in domestic air fares.

The Philips contract ends this year.

Whilst the electronic giants are likely to make an ongoing commitment to Soccer, it may, or may not, be in concert with other major national advertisers.

Actually Philips pay the estimated increase in transport costs in the year the expense is incurred.

The actual figure paid, and this year it will be far, far in excess of the allowed 15 per cent, is not adjusted

until the following year.

Thus the code is bearing an important proportion of the burden until adjustment takes place.

If money is being wasted in air fares then it is money that Philips loses. In addition the clubs and players miss the possibility of sharing in it.

More importantly, it further seems that lesser numbers of outstanding players can be brought ahead by coaching or imported due to misapplication of scarce cash resources.

This factor holds up the sport's development as an attraction in a country in which it has not yet taken off.

The new domestic air fares policy has brought a 38.8% rise in fares on the Sydney-Canberra route, 13% Sydney-Brisbane, and 12.9% Sydney-Melbourne.

Extraneous matters such as the refuellers' and the

radar technicians' strikes have resulted in their own imposts.

Over one year domestic air fares have spiralled by over 100%.

It now costs \$175 Sydney-Melbourne return, \$113 Sydney-Canberra return and \$160 Canberra-Melbourne return.

It is high time clubs agreed to abandon overnight stays and fly only on the day of the game.

Recently Sydney City stayed overnight before their match in Newcastle!

Clubs are paying out \$1,000 for meals and accommodation for one night away.

The exception with overnight stays should be the Brisbane/Adelaide games, which call for the need for rest and recovery by the teams involved.

Sydney and Melbourne are only 70 minutes apart by direct air routes. Plenty

of commuters take longer than this for a trip to their place of business.

Players should not be greatly disadvantaged by plane travel on the day of the game.

Only \$350 is involved in taking an air-conditioned coach by road from Sydney-Canberra return. By air it is \$2,000.

Sydney clubs would lose nothing in time by road. Three and a half hours are involved, and that would not be much different to air travel by the time travel to, and assembly at, airports is taken into account.

Philips League secretary Paul Kemp is meticulously checking weather reports each difficult weekend in a bid to cut out cases where teams travel but games cannot be played.

This results in a second line economy.

If clubs have catch-up games midweek they face

the extra expense of making up wages for players and overnight accommodation. Another possibility which needs to be avoided.

The Philips League should investigate the savings involved in a contingency plan to divide the League into Eastern and Southern Division.

This they should do in spite of any outcry from State Federations, who realise some of their top clubs would be required to build each division.

For the south they would have to examine the potential of Geelong, Hobart, Launceston and Albany.

In the east, Parramatta, Penrith, Southerland-Cronulla, Gosford, Campbelltown, Liverpool, Gold Coast and Townsville would need appraisal.

Reactionary cries that would come are merely part of the price of progress.

PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE

RESULTS OF ROUND EIGHT

NEWCASTLE K.B. - PRESTON	4:0
Mountford 2, Senkalski, Bertogna	
LEICHHARDT - SOUTH MELBOURNE	1:1
O'Connor(L), Evans(SM)	
BLACKTOWN D. - ADELAIDE CITY	1:5
Cuk(BD), Mitchell 2, Russell, J.Nyskohus,	
Northcote(AC)	
SYDNEY OLYMPIC - MARCONI	2:0
Cotton,Katholos(SO)	
BRISBANE LIONS - BRISBANE CITY	1:0
Millman	
HEIDELBERG - CANBERRA ARROWS	1:1
Taylor(H), O'Shea(CA)	
FOOTSCRAY - SYDNEY CITY	1:0
Belic	
WEST ADELAIDE - WOLLONGONG	0:0

P.S.L. TOP SCORERS:

6. Boden (SC)
5. O'Connor (L), Ollerton (P)
4. Mitchell (AC), Valeri (CA), Evans (SM)
3. Cuk (BD), Wilkinson (BC), Paton (H), Cullen (P), Christopoulos (SM)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1 Blacktown City			0:1	2:2	1:5										2:2	
2 Newcastle KB	1:1			1:1	4:0									3:0		
3 Leichhardt		2:1			1:1								2:2		0:0	
4 Wollongong	1:1		1:1									3:1		2:1		
5 South Melbourne		2:0									1:0		2:1		1:0	
6 Preston	2:3									0:1		3:1		3:0		
7 Adelaide City									0:1		0:1		3:1		3:2	
8 Brisbane City								1:1		0:0		3:0		2:0		2:1
9 Sydney City							0:0		2:0			2:1				1:2
10 Canberra City						1:0	1:1		0:2							1:0
11 Marconi																
12 Sydney Olympic					2:2	3:1		2:2		2:0						
13 Heidelberg				0:3		2:3		2:0		1:1		1:0				
14 Footscray			2:1		1:2		1:1		1:0		1:2					
15 Brisbane Lions		0:1		1:1		2:1		1:0								
16 West Adelaide	2:0	0:1	1:2	0:0												

PHILIPS SOCCER	HOME					AWAY					AGGREGATE					
LEAGUE TABLE	W	D	L	F:A	P	W	D	L	F:A	P	P	W	D	L	F:A	P
SOUTH MELBOURNE.....	4	0	0	6-1	8	1	3	0	7-6	5	8	5	3	0	13-7	13
WOLLONGONG.....	2	2	0	7-4	7	1	3	0	5-2	5	8	3	5	0	12-6	11
CANBERRA ARROWS.....	2	1	1	5-3	5	2	2	0	4-1	6	8	4	3	1	9-4	11
NEWCASTLE K.B.....	2	2	0	9-2	6	2	0	2	3-4	4	8	4	2	2	12-6	10
SYDNEY CITY.....	3	1	0	8-1	7	1	1	2	3-5	3	8	4	2	2	11-6	10
LEICHHARDT.....	1	3	0	5-4	5	2	1	1	5-4	5	8	3	4	1	10-8	10
BRISBANE CITY.....	3	1	0	7-1	7	0	2	2	2-5	2	8	3	3	2	9-6	9
MARCONI.....	2	1	1	3-3	5	2	0	3	3-9	4	9	4	1	4	6-12	9
ADELAIDE CITY.....	2	0	2	6-5	4	1	2	1	7-5	4	8	3	2	3	13-10	8
BRISBANE LIONS.....	2	1	1	4-3	5	0	2	2	4-6	2	8	2	3	3	8-9	7
PRESTON.....	2	0	2	8-5	4	1	0	3	4-9	2	8	3	0	5	12-14	6
SYDNEY OLYMPIC.....	2	2	0	9-5	6	0	0	5	1-12	0	9	2	2	5	12-17	6
HEIDELBERG.....	2	1	2	6-7	5	0	1	3	4-8	1	9	2	2	5	10-15	6
BLACKTOWN DEMONS.....	0	2	2	5-10	2	1	2	1	5-6	4	8	1	4	3	10-16	6
WEST ADELAIDE.....	1	1	2	3-3	3	1	0	3	3-5	2	8	2	1	5	6-8	5
FOOTSCRAY.....	2	1	2	6-6	5	0	0	4	1-10	0	9	2	1	6	7-16	5

DO YOU WANT TO GO TO WEMBLEY?

Manchester City's appearance in the 100th English F.A. Cup Final at Wembley on May 9 is a real Cinderella story.

When John Bond took over as manager in place of Malcolm Allison, City were in serious trouble, deeply in debt and, seemingly, heading for relegation to the second division.

Since the switch of club bosses, City have hardly put a foot wrong. Their upset 1-0 Cup semi-final victory over mighty Ipswich Town was a personal triumph for John Bond.

Not until tomorrow (Wednesday), at the earliest, will City's Wembley opponents be known. That's when the other semi-final between Wolves and Spurs will be replayed at Highbury.

It is still possible for AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY readers to be at Wembley for the Cup Final on May 9.

TRAVELSTRENGTH, the Commonwealth Bank's travel service, is accepting bookings for a magnificent Wembley Cup Finals tour, with guaranteed tickets for the F.A. Cup Final and also the Rugby League Cup Final on May 2.

David Jack will be the tour leader. For all particulars phone Rob Howard at TRAVELSTRENGTH in Sydney (02-238-5540).

But be quick — those Wembley Cup Final tickets will not be available much longer.

YOUTH LEAGUE

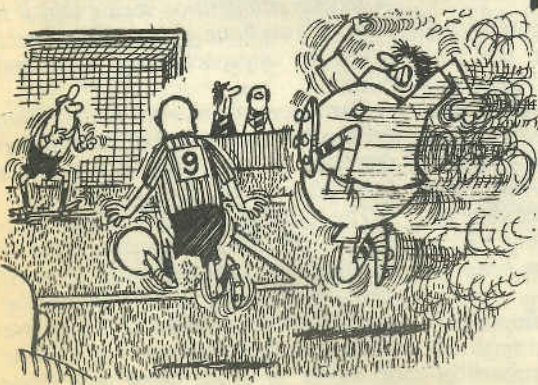
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This is a complete list of results to date obtained through club search:

A.I.S. - CANBERRA ARROWS	2:1
A.I.S. - NEWCASTLE KB	3:3
A.I.S. - SYDNEY CITY	2:1
BLACKTOWN DEMONS - A.I.S.	1:0
BLACKTOWN DEMONS - LEICHHARDT	1:3
CANBERRA ARROWS - SYDNEY OL	1:1
CANBERRA ARROWS - A.I.S.	0:8
CANBERRA ARROWS - SYDNEY CITY	1:7
CANBERRA ARROWS - WOLLONGONG	2:4
LEICHHARDT - MARCONI	3:2
LEICHHARDT - NEWCASTLE KB	0:0
LEICHHARDT - SYDNEY OLYMPIC	3:1
MARCONI - CANBERRA ARROWS	5:0
MARCONI - NEWCASTLE KB	1:2
NEWCASTLE KB - BLACKTOWN	5:3
NEWCASTLE KB - SYDNEY CITY	3:2
NEWCASTLE KB - WOLLONGONG	2:1
SYDNEY OLYMPIC - A.I.S.	0:1
SYDNEY OLYMPIC - BLACKTOWN	2:0
SYDNEY OLYMPIC - SYDNEY CITY	1:1
SYDNEY CITY - LEICHHARDT	0:1
SYDNEY CITY - MARCONI	2:2
WOLLONGONG - BLACKTOWN	3:1
WOLLONGONG - LEICHHARDT	0:4
WOLLONGONG - MARCONI	2:6
WOLLONGONG - SYDNEY OLYMPIC	0:1

Results of last Sunday:	
SYDNEY CITY - WOLLONGONG	2:0
NEWCASTLE KB - CANBERRA ARROWS	4:0
A.I.S. - LEICHHARDT	3:1
MARCONI - SYDNEY OLYMPIC	1:0

Newcastle	7	5	2	0	19	10	12
A.I.S.	7	5	1	1	19	7	11
Leichhardt	7	5	1	1	15	7	11
Marconi	6	3	1	2	17	9	7
Sydney City	7	2	2	3	15	10	6
Sydney Olympian	7	2	2	3	6	7	6
Wollongong	7	2	0	5	10	18	4
Blacktown	5	1	0	4	6	13	2
Canberra	7	0	1	6	5	31	1



"Here comes his 20th booking."

MANAGER: "We will release Christopoulos" PRESIDENT: "No we won't!"

By Peter Georgiou

The rumours that South Melbourne's international player George Christopoulos will go to Sydney Olympians took a confusing turn at the end of last week as the team's manager, Leo Anezakis, and the club president, Sam Papasavas, made statements about Christopoulos' future in which they contradicted each other.

Mr Anezakis told me that the club would prefer to give the player to Sydney Olympic if the Sydney team is interested and, if the player wanted to leave the club, South Melbourne will not stand in the way of his transfer.

Asked to comment, president Mr Papasavas made an entirely different statement to ASW, saying that in no way will the club give Christopoulos a transfer before his contract is expired.

"The player is too valuable for us. He is one of our best players and it would be wrong to transfer him now."

"It would be up to the management committee to decide if Christopoulos is going to be on the transfer list but the majority of the members feel that it's wrong to let the player go now that we are challenging the championship and we need every player we have," he said.

The Christopoulos story started during the game between South and Newcastle KB when his father argued strongly with one of the committee members about the coach's decision to put his son on the bench, while the player himself was very displeased, also saying that he wanted a transfer.



GEORGE CHRISTOPOULOS

According to Mr Papasavas, Mr Christopoulos senior was asked to talk to the management committee but he could not keep the appointment because of ill health.

Despite the contradicting statements, however, which caused a surprise as far as the co-ordination in

handling the club's public relations is concerned, George Christopoulos has now changed his mind about going. He asked the club to erase the incident by saying that he has no intentions of going anywhere and that he will accept the decisions of his coach in the future.

SOUND FUTURE FOR DEMONS SAYS RASIC

by Keith Gilmour

There will be no "temporary purchases" of players at Blacktown, according to the Demons' coach Rasic.

"I was very glad to get Paul Burrows from Newcastle because I have a high regard for his ability," Rasic said.

Burrows came to Australia after playing in the Cheshire League in England and became a top marksman with Stewarts and Lloyds club in Newcastle.

He was later signed by Newcastle Raiders but this year he has not been a regular first team member.

Rasic says that Blacktown is in a better position to buy players than 80% of the Philips League clubs, but he does not recommend much activity at this stage.

"We have to recognise that Marconi has the name and many good boys go there."

"But by the end of this year we will have four of the best 21 year old players in the

country to further build the side," he said. Blacktown has suffered by losing Ian Hunter to Marconi and Paul Wilkinson to Brisbane City.

"Wollongong claimed we were negative when we played there, but offside is part of the game. They responded in a country town way but they did not know how to counter it," he added.

He is confident that the public will recognise a greater degree of skill in his team than is the case now.

"We matched Sydney City for 30 minutes when we played them in the Cup and our ability to pressurise the opposition is improving all the time."

"There is no chance that we will be relegated," Rasic said.



GOALKEEPERS RECOGNISED — AT LAST

It is a rare occurrence for a goalkeeper to win an award in a Soccer contest.

Maybe it's just that the odds are stacked against the poor old goalie. After all, there are 10 field players to only one goalkeeper when the votes are being cast!

That's why it makes a pleasant change to see Dennis Boland, Allan Maher, Martyn Crook, Gary Meier and Richard Wilson all collecting points in our exciting PSL "Player of the Year" contest.

Perhaps one of them will finish the season in top place and win a fabulous trip from Sydney or Melbourne to Rome, flying Alitalia.

The competition is organised by AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY and MARCONI TRAVEL AGENCY and it has sparked off keen rivalry among



players for the top prize.

For details on the method of voting, please turn to pages 10 and 11.

There are some unexpected names among the leaders at this stage.

Youngsters like Peter Katholos and David Mitchell are particularly well placed, as if to emphasise that Soccer is a young man's game.

But the season is in its early stages and there is plenty of time for experienced international stars to nudge the youngsters in the race for that Alitalia ticket to Rome.

In addition to his air ticket, the contest winner will also receive a handsome ASW - MARCONI TRAVEL trophy as a permanent reminder of his success.

There is another valuable prize up for grabs.

We, in partnership with Marconi Travel, will present a colour TV set to the leading goalscorer in the PSL.

Kenny Boden of Sydney City is heading in the right direction to win that prize.

Here is the up-to-date situation in the "Player of the Year" voting after the weekend round of games:

- 18 - Terry Byrne
- 17 - Peter Katholos
- 11 - Dennis Boland, Tony Henderson, Paul Wilkinson, David Mitchell
- 10 - Arthur Xanthopoulos, Alun Evans
- 9 - Jim Campbell, Clive Campbell, Allan Maher
- 8 - Phil O'Connor, Malcolm McClelland, Peter Wilson (Leich)
- 7 - Doug Brown, Col Bennett, Peter Tymczyszyn, Brian O'Donnell, Peter Boyle
- 6 - Jovan Djordjevic, Paul Ontong, Ian Souness, Billy De Graaf, Gary Byrne
- 5 - Stuart Selva, Walter Valeri, Robbie Cullen, Martyn Crook
- 4 - Gary Meier, Baz Giampaolo, Jim McBreen, John Nyskohus, Ken Boden, Richard Wilson, Chris Dunleavy, Vince Bannon, John Kosmina, Ian Bruce, Alan Niven, Bugsy Nyskohus, Joe Senkalski, Peter Ollerton, Ljube Petrovski, Tony Brennan, Dan Jovanovic

Alitalia

★ ★ STAR INTERVIEW ★ ★

BRIAN EDGLEY TALKS TO GREG BLAKE

Preston coach Brian Edgley has played some 440 English Football League games with Shrewsbury Town, Cardiff City, Brentford and Barnsley, two seasons in South Africa and then coaching experience in Australia with Ringwood Wilhemina, Balgownie (now Wollongong), Mooroolbark (twice), South Melbourne, Doveton, Frankston City and Essendon.

Not once in his coaching career has he been involved with a side that has been relegated nor, in fact, have any of his teams ever been in anything like a low position on the ladder when he has left.

He therefore lacks nothing in qualifications and his remarkable midas touch seems to rub off on the Preston Rams who, fresh from a runaway State League Championship win in the Victorian State League in 1980, are now beginning to set the PSL on fire in their first season.

As coach of this remarkable Preston team, Brian was only too happy to talk to A.S.W. recently.

Q: Are the team going better than you expected?

A: I was a little worried at first, wondering if the team could adapt to the high PSL standard. But the thing we had in our favour last year, dedication, is now still holding true again this season. It's a big help having such a close-knit bunch of lads who have played together for a while.

Q: How then do you see the season finishing?

A: We still need, despite our recent results, a couple of players. The team is exciting, fast and fit and we give entertainment and I think we are good enough to finish in the top six.

Q: How do you find the set-up at Preston?

A: It's as good as most I've seen. South Melbourne is a good club, in fact better than most, but I feel Preston are working along those lines. Our biggest asset is the hardworking and dedicated president and committee we have.

Q: How have you found the standard of the PSL?

A: It's certainly a good league to be in, but I still hold firm to the belief that certain State League teams are as good as some PSL clubs. Essendon Croatia for example would be good enough for the PSL although the gap between them and most other State League clubs is a wide one. No



disrespect to the clubs meant, but I feel they are a long way behind PSL standards.

Q: What could be done to improve the PSL even more?

A: Every team in the league must play entertaining Soccer. If I went to a game and was entertained I would want to go back. Games where the fans boo the teams for boring football are bad for the league and I feel Preston are showing the way as far as entertainment goes.

Q: How do you feel about the fine imposed after the recent Heidelberg league game?

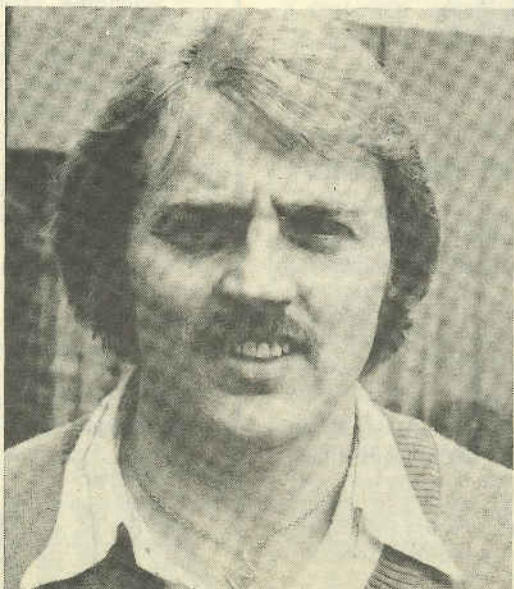
A: I'll admit I did wrong by speaking to the referee at half-time but surely a \$500 fine is quite ridiculous considering the circumst-

ances. I neither swore nor harassed the referee and although I feel a fine is justified, I'm not happy with the amount. I feel perhaps a \$50 or \$100 fine would be satisfactory, and I am appealing against the severity of the fine to the Philips League.

Q: What do you see as the future of both Preston and the Philips League?

A: If the PSL is run correctly and the emphasis is on entertainment the future will be bright. Australians are becoming aware of the game, like never before, and we must seek to make them want to go to games. Thus the importance of good facilities becomes important also.

Preston themselves have great prospects and I think they will be a big force in years to come.



PETER OLLERTON

They have a lovely ground, a marvellous club, hardworking people and I'm really happy to be involved with them.

Q: How does this league compare with the others you have been involved in?

A: I have a lot of respect for Tommy Docherty, but I feel his comparisons of the PSL to 'pub' football are unfair. From what I saw in England on my return four years ago, and from what others have told me after seeing English football recently, the PSL compares favourably to good English third and fourth division football. A good example is players from that level who have come to Australia and struggled to make the grade.

Q: Do you see any Preston players being good enough for the Australian team?

A: Yes definitely. What I can't understand is the national coach not looking any further than two or three clubs for his players. Otherwise we would, I feel, have a much stronger team for the World Cup games. Robbie Cullen, for example, I know would play his heart out for Australia while Peter Ollerton is playing as well as he ever did after being written off by everyone. Ljube Petrovski is another player who should be considered for the Socceroos as at the moment he is easily the best sweeper in Australia. He's young and he's got everything and if he is not better than Prskalo then I'm no judge.

Q: Who are some other players you have impressed you since joining the PSL?

A: Gary Byrne is a fine player and given the right training he could have made it in England. Of course Peter Sharpe is another and he could make it anywhere in the world. There are others like Gary Cole who, had they had the benefits that full-time players have, should have made the big time. With a bit of dedication and luck there are surely many more Craig Johnstons in this country.

Q: Doug Brown, a fringe player with Sheffield United, has created something of a sensation with his football this season. Are there others like him languishing away in English football?

A: There are many in the mould of Doug who could come and do a job in Australia and mark my words, you have yet to see the best of Brown.

Q: What do you see in the future for Brian Edgley?

A: When I go to a club, I give it everything and my players work hard for me. I will give my dedication to any club that wants me and I'd like to win PSL honours with someone, and hopefully that someone will be Preston.



With the Girls

By DON BALMAIN

A LOOK AT CAMPS

This week, the scene is centred on training camps in New South Wales.

Previously, I told you of a training camp in Northern NSW territory run by Willie Wallace.

I now have more information on the camp, kindly supplied by Alan Hampton, the president of the Northern NSW Women's Soccer Federation.

For some time, the University of New England (in Armidale) has felt that it should contribute to the growth of Soccer in Australia by developing its residential and sporting facilities as a Soccer clinic.

The University has the best sporting facilities of all Australian universities, the warden of the University, Gerry A.W. Worsell, writes.

There are 30 acres of playing fields and four of these are large floodlit fields.

Indoor Soccer and fitness training is catered for in a multi-purpose indoor recreation centre.

As well, there are eight squash courts, eight tennis courts and a 25 metre heated indoor swimming pool.

The University has appointed Willie Wallace as its Director of Soccer Coaching.

The first camp exceeded all expectations.

Mr Wallace was assisted by John Green, a specialist goalkeeping coach who has played with Arsenal and Blackpool and Jim Adam who played first division Soccer with Aston Villa.

Jim Adam has played for Australia, coached Victoria and was with West Adelaide as coach when that club took out the Philips Soccer League premiership.

Distinguished visiting coaches and lecturers also participated in the camp. These included Eric Worthington, the ASF Director of Coaching.

The next Willie Wallace Soccer camp will be held in January, 1982 and will include a women's section if sufficient interest is there.

Each player going to the course will receive top class coaching; the use of very good sporting facilities; single room accommodation in a University college; three cooked meals a day plus morning and afternoon refreshments; a quality Soccer ball; a pair of Dunlop training shoes and a camp T-shirt.

The cost per person will be around \$2,000 for the week.

All candidates are expected to make their own transport arrangements to get to Armidale.

I spoke to Jim Selby, the Australian Women's Soccer Association's national coach, about the camp.

Jim said that while it is undoubtedly a fine camp, the cost of \$200 per girl for a week could be beyond the reach of most girl Soccer players.

He said that the Soccer camps that he has held for girls were not that costly and were confined to good accommodation and meals without extras such as Soccer balls and training shoes which most girls already had.

Rale Rasic, a previous Australian World Cup coach, has provided us with details of his training camp which he, too, would like to throw open to female Soccer players.

Rale's camp is held at the Englefield Stadium in bush surroundings at Dural, an outer northern suburb of Sydney.

He is assisted at the camp by Atti

Abonyi, Allan Maher and Richie Williams along with other coaches. It is a junior Soccer clinic catering for girls and boys from 8-16 years old.

The complex has first class change rooms, gymnasium, sauna, table tennis, swimming pool and a canteen. It is in an area of 11 acres and has two Soccer grounds.

One is a Wembley-size field and the other is of international standard. The playing arena is floodlit. A motel on the ground will be completed at the end of this year.

Accommodation provided is a high standard dormitory, style with carpeted floors.

There are fully-tiled shower and toilet blocks, a coaches bedroom and a large covered-in verandah overlooking the field.

Beds, bedding linen and blankets are provided and the live-in accommodation at the camp will cost \$120 for five days with all meals provided.

In addition, people not wanting to live in, but attending the camp, may do so at a cost of \$65 covering the same Soccer coaching. Meals must be provided by the pupil.

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The Lightning Premiership was held in Victoria at Watsonia with 12 teams competing.

The first final was played between Greensborough and Springvale with Greensborough winning the trophy for the first time in three years.

This year, Bendigo, who had taken part in the premiership religiously every year, came good to take the final from Werribee who played short.

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Julie Dolan, back from her holidays in Ballina in the north of NSW, decided to renovate the home for her mother, Win Dolan who was with the NSW Youth squad in America.

Julie threw out some rubbish and lit it in the back yard of her home. An aerosol can which had been previously thrown there, exploded and the flying metal severely cut Julie's foot. With a number of stitches in the foot, Julie will be away from training for a little while.

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On the Australian front, Broken Hill has come forward with a request that they be able to play in the Adelaide competition seeing that it is only a two-hour drive. They were asked to approach both S.A. and NSW.

Two overseas trips are in the offing for the National team and the national secretary will be writing to Australian team players with details.

The national secretary will be writing to all States offering them a minimum of \$100 per State to assist them in bringing a referee to the national titles provided that they are of the standard required — grade two or higher or grade three with three years experience and their grades recognised by the A.S.R.F.

WHAT'S UP DOC?

As a coach, your job is to organise your team, get them playing to the best of their ability, and hope that Lady Luck will smile on you a little bit.

Since the season started, we have played some fantastic football, some rubbish football, and some very ordinary football.

Fortunately, I'm not a worrier. I try to do something about it rather than worry.

As you know the media talk about coaches who don't get good results heading for the sack, and all coaches are aware of this. I'm no different.

I know that if we don't get results quite regularly for Sydney Olympians, the possibility is that I could get the sack as well. Does that worry me? No, not in the slightest.

I've a contract until the 15th September, and I hope that on the 15th September I will still be here at Sydney Olympic, who deserve to be in a good position by then because of the marvelous support they get.

I can say, without fear of contradiction, that we are the most attractive team to watch in Australia at the moment — in terms of pure football. The players are all a bit too nice... we're not physical. We play for the public.

As a coach I might say "to hell with the public — it's results that matter." Of course results matter but I think good football matters more. Since I've been in Australia I've studied the standard of Soccer and I have been impressed.

Little things worry me, or rather annoy me, about

the game. When I see the way some clubs play, results, to them, are obviously all-important. Yet it doesn't matter how many games they win, they won't get people watching them.

It's an amazing thing about Soccer. People work all the week and the one thing they want at the weekend — no matter which sport they're interested in — is value for money. When you get them there, it is important, and an obligation, to keep them there. And bring them back every week.

I saw matches this season when, even if you let the opponent play with the ball, he could not pass it from A to B. Time-wasting goes on and this is allowed. It is encouraged. That is unbelievable.

The continuous fouling which goes on is often unpunished. This must be stamped out if the kids in Australia are to see the way Soccer should be played — as an entertainment for the public.

Let's not forget — if the public do not come to see us, there is no Soccer. Players are out of work, coaches are out of work and the clubs just peter out.

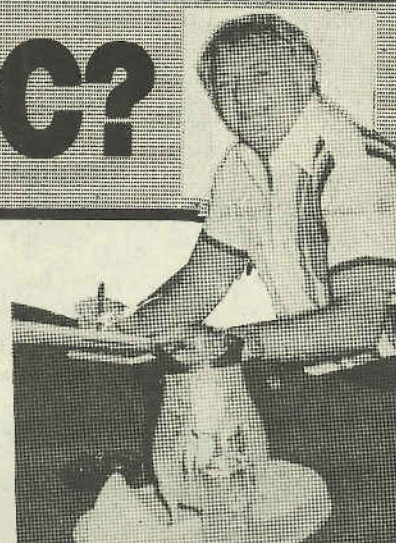
That would be a great boost for Rugby League and other sports if Soccer were allowed to die.

After just about all of our games, opposing team officials have said: "You're

the best team we've played against." What they really mean is "you're the best side to play against!" We do not play defensively and do not close the game up. Home or away, Olympians play good attacking football. People might say...well that's their problem. If they want to play like that and lose games, let them get on with it. It's not as simple as that. My boys go out to make the game as enjoyable as possible for the people who matter, the fans, and they make it easy for the man in the middle, the referee.

What really annoys me is the way the negative styles must affect youngsters who watch these teams in action. If a team plays negative football and gets some good results by breakaways, those kids will actually believe that this is the way the game of Soccer ought to be played. This is a tragedy but it's happening in England at the moment where many clubs — not all of them — are playing defensive football and driving people away from matches.

Naturally this worries me: because if people don't attend Soccer matches, we'll all be on the dole. When kids see clubs playing open, attractive, Soccer, they realise this is the right way to play. But we are losing points. So what you try to do is strike a happy medium by playing good Soccer and also winning matches.



BY TOMMY DOCHERTY

I think Olympians have given away some 17 goals in their first eight matches.

For all the attractive football we have played, about 10 of those goals have been presented to opposing teams. If we had made presents of five, not 10, I am sure we would have proved to the Soccer public that attack is the best form of defence.

Remember the great Brazilian sides of some years ago? In the World Cup in Switzerland in 1954 and 1958 in Sweden? Now think of the Manchester United side which I had for five years from 1973 to 1977. Critics used to say...what bad defences! Bill Nicholson, a great Tottenham manager, said of Manchester United and of Brazil: "How do you know about their defence? You never see them defend!"

How can anyone say you have a bad defence when you attack all the time? Possession is all-important. If you have the ball, other teams cannot score.

When I came to Australia I knew I faced a difficult task. I wasn't kidding myself. I've had difficult tasks before and look forward to having them again. But one thing I must stress about Australian Soccer...I enjoy watching my team playing. Especially after the way they've performed in the last two or three games.

I can see a nice little pattern emerging in this side and, whether we win or lose, it does not particularly worry me. Naturally when you have a committee, you must expect them to expect good results. And the public like results. Some of them want results at any cost. Others, the football purists, like results PLUS good Soccer.

I've been asked a thousand times for my opinion on Australia's national team but, frankly, I am not in a position to answer. Last week, though, Sydney Olympians did have a practice match against the Socceroos and I'll talk about that in my column next week.

STRAIGHT SHOOTING

With MIKE MYSTAKIDIS



WATCH HIM RUDI!

Signore Gianfranco Menegali was born on June 17, 1933 in Rome and will be the official referee of the first preliminary round for the World Cup between New Zealand and Australia, on Saturday week, April 25, in Auckland.

The Italian referee will be in Sydney on April 22, three days before the big game.

Naturally, there wouldn't be any reason to mention his name without two previous happenings. Both occurred in Italy, in the same city, Florence, and almost at the same time.

Last November during the Fiorentina-Australia game which ended 2-0 to Fiorentina another Italian referee "sent off" the national coach Rudi Gutendorf. A month later, in December, Signore Menegali sent off all Fiorentina's bench, coaches and reserves.

Surely the Italian referee would know of the controversy surrounding the "sending-off" of Gutendorf and this would be another reason to watch the moves of the Australian coach during the game against New Zealand.

Now that Mr Gutendorf knows the impact of "Mediterranean" determination of the Italian referee Menegali, we hope he will arm himself with necessary calmness, because no one knows what could happen during that important game.

Some advice to Rudi: watch Signore Menegali, because he is a danger to your "hot" temperament.

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In the recent pages of our country's Soccer books three names amongst many, stand out from the rest, for their manners and services to the national colours.

These three are: Johnny Warren, John Warkiss, and Atti Abonyi. All three have stopped playing Soccer but they continue to contribute much as coaches.

In any other country, these three gentlemen, who I think are equal in knowledge with any coaches, would have taken a place assisting the national coach, to improve their techniques and, one day, take over the guidance of Australia's national team.

Only in Australia, where we talk about Australising Soccer, this wouldn't be able to happen. This is why they are out. It seems that those who suggest their theory for the others don't practice what they preach.

Maybe it will be right in the future to appoint Australia's boys as assistant-coaches to the national coach. How long do we wait?

STARK'S AMBITION: CHAMPIONS MEDAL

By Steve Burns

Roy Stark, veteran PSL player, has shaken off a bad boy image to become one of Canberra Arrows most consistent performers. Stark is the professionals' professional — respected by team-mates and opponents alike.

And at 27 years old, he reckons he has a least another three years of active PSL participation.

Stark, an Englishman, came to Australia in 1977, the year of the PSL's formation, and was in Canberra's side just a few games after the Philips league began.

He hasn't been out of it since and has played over 90 PSL games and averaged three to four goals a season.

Few forwards ever beat him.

Yet Stark is the first to praise Australia's national league.

"There has been a definite improvement each season," he said. "Now there is a far greater number of players with top level ability. That wasn't the case when the

PSL began.

"It's also an even competition nowadays with no two or three teams being the stars. Instead its wide open with any of eight or nine teams having a chance of making the final four."

"That can only help the League. I wish I could say the same for the Media. They've never really given the PSL a go."

Stark has a wealth of experience behind him. He was a top North of England schoolboy star before going to Aston Villa as an apprentice professional while still in his early teens. Stark remained with the Villa from 1969 to 1975 and remembers well his first team debut as a 20-year-old against Sheffield Wednesday.

"I played centre-

half," he said. "Those were the days when Aston Villa was a second division team. They were just about to be promoted into the first division when I left them in 1975 to go to Hong Kong."

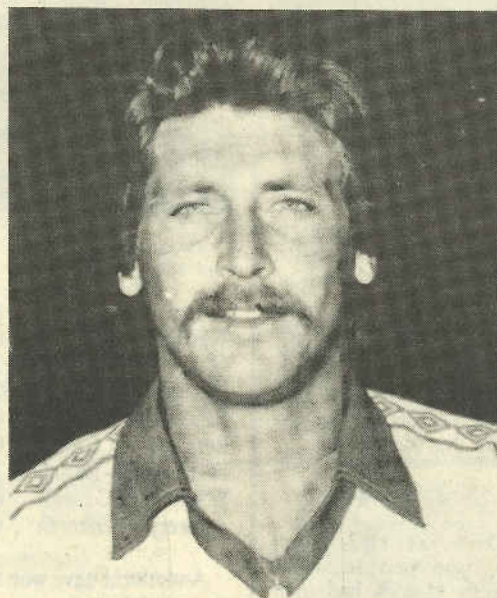
Stark had posted half-a-dozen second division games and in Hong Kong was a full-time professional.

Then came Canberra City — and that's where Stark has remained.

"This year Canberra is going places," said Stark.

"We have a really professional coach and the players are responding to that."

And the future? "If you were asking about the PSL I think it has a big future," said Stark. "Ultimately I'd like to see it include Tas-



ROY STARK

mania and Western Australia and have a second division instead of the Youth League. "If you are asking about Canberra Arrows

I have one big, unfulfilled ambition.

"To win a PSL winners medal."

1981 could well be that year.

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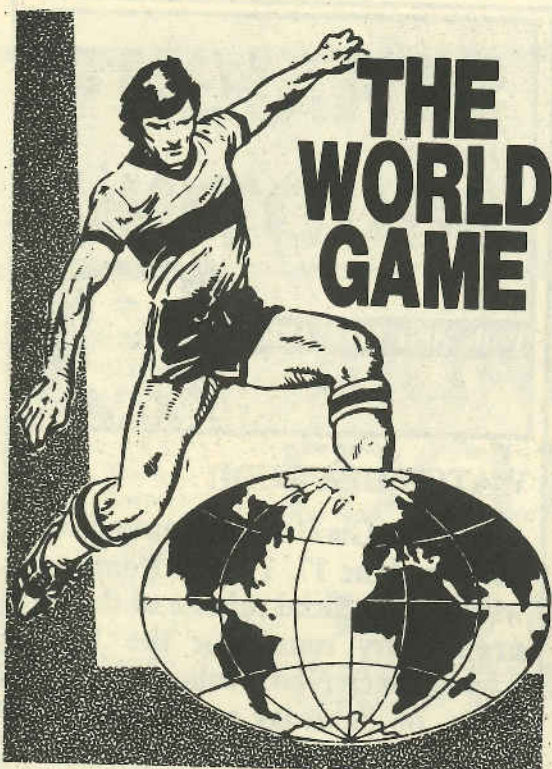
LATCHFORD IS COMING

By Wally Bruce

Big Bob Latchford is definitely coming to Australia to play for Brisbane Lions as a guest this season, and if the club can secure permission, he will link up with Arsenal's Alan Sunderland.

In an interview published recently in a Newcastle (UK) paper, the Evening Chronicle, Latchford, who has not played because of hamstring injuries since last November, said he was looking forward to playing in Brisbane.

Latchford's contract with Everton expires this year but he is hoping to stay with the Merseyside club. Anyone who saw a recent Big League Soccer programme would have seen Latchford sitting on the bench beside manager Gordon Lee when Everton crashed 3-1 Aston Villa.



Italian star Paolo Rossi will remain under suspension until April 1982, but that didn't stop Juventus paying Vicenza a record \$3,500,000 for his transfer. Has Soccer ever had such an expensive spectator? Rossi is not even allowed

to train on any Italian ground until his suspension is lifted.

Even so, national coach Enzo Bearzot says he intends to have Rossi in Italy's World Cup team in Spain next year.



There wasn't much for Ipswich fans to cheer about when their team scraped in 1-0 against FC Cologne in the UEFA Cup semi-final at Portman Road. But this header from John Wark — the only goal of the game — brought the crowd to its feet.

JUANITO



No Bull About The Spaniards!

Is Spain an emerging power in European and world Soccer? It could be, because there are unmistakable signs that the glory days of Real Madrid could be revived in the European Cup. And when Real is strong, Spain is usually strong.

Faced by the might of Inter Milan in last week's Cup semi-final, Real delighted 100,000 Madrid spectators with a great exhibition of attacking football. Goals from internationals Santillana and Juanito gave them a 2-0 victory which could be too much for Inter to pull back in the return leg in Italy.

This year's European Cup Final will be played in Paris on May 27 and Real Madrid expect to be there. The second leg semi against Inter is in Milan on April 22.

It's not only at club level that the Spaniards are making

an impression.

Their display at Wembley when they gave England a considerable hiding impressed many European critics.

The host country usually does well in the World Cup, so it's not surprising the odds against Spain for 1982 are dropping.

FOOTNOTE: If Real Madrid do win the European Cup, it'll be their seventh success in the world's top club competition — a fantastic effort.

EAST EUROPEAN AFFAIR

Dynamo Tbilisi, who looked like world-beaters against West Ham United in London, confirmed that form when they hammered Feyenoord of Rotterdam 3-0 in Tbilisi.

It is a big lead for the Georgians to take to Holland for the second leg of this European Cup Winners Cup semi-final.

Two of the Soviet team's goals came from Sulakvelidze, with Gutsayev getting the other one.

It looks as if the final of this competition will be an east European affair — with Tbilisi facing Carl Jena of East Germany.

SHORT PASSES

The traditional tournament involving the Yugoslavian capital's two clubs Red Star and Partizan will be held in Belgrade this year on July 18 and 19.

French club FC Nantes and a Russian team are likely to be the two sides to make up the foursome.

Kees Rijvers has announced that the same Dutch team which beat France will be selected for the World Cup match against Cyprus in a couple of weeks.

"A swan amongst ducks" is how a supporter of Granada described the presence of Johan Cruyff in the Levante team.

Bayern Munich are on the look out for a 'libero' for next season.

They are particularly interested in a Belgian, Renquin, of Standard Liege.

The World Cup match between West Germany and Austria on April 29 will be the 50th international appearance for the Austrian Jara.

Two reasons are being put forward for the non-appearance of Johan Cruyff in the World Cup match between the Netherlands and France: he insisted on wearing a shirt emblazoned in his own "Cruyff Fashion" trade mark, and his wife, Danny, fell from a horse a couple of days before the match, seriously injuring her back.

TAMPA BAY'S CAPTURE

Frank Worthington is back in America, with Tampa Bay Rowdies.

The Birmingham City striker is 32 but he hopes to return to England after the U.S. season. Worthington has scored 17 first division goals for Birmingham this season.

One of the most surprised people when Bayern Munich had their great 0-0 draw against Liverpool at Anfield was Bayern's manager Uli Hoeness.

Hoeness did a "spying" job on Liverpool in the Football League Cup final replay at Villa Park.

He had been told that Liverpool were a fading force, but the Merseyside team's 2-1 win against the Hammers disillusioned Hoeness.

Leaving the ground after the game, he said: "This was not the declining Liverpool I had been told about. This was the Liverpool I remember from the past, playing wonderful football. They are still a very great side."

That's why Hoeness was surprised, and delighted, when Bayern had such a good result in the European Cup at Anfield.

EUROPEAN SOCCER... RESULTS...

BELGIUM
A'lecht — B'shot 8-2
Waregem — Kortrijk 0-0
Ghent — RWD Mol 2-1
S Liege — Lierse 2-0
Beveren — W'slag 0-2
Berchem — CS Bruges 0-2
FC Bruges — Beringen 2-0
W'schei — FC Liege 0-2
Antwerp — Lokeren 0-1

Anderlecht have won the championship.

AUSTRIA
V Linz — Ad Wacker 0-0
Gak — Aus Wien 1-1
Rapid — S Graz 3-1
E'stadt — Aus S'burg 1-0
Wiener SC — Lask 0-1

ROMANIA
Pitesti — B'rest St 3-1
B Mare — Galati FCM 1-0
B'rest PV — H'doara Cor 1-2
Brasov FCM — Rimnicu VC 1-0
B'rest Din — Olt FC 3-0
Iasi Poli — Craiova Uni 2-1
Tirgu MA — C-N Uni 2-0
P'sani Jiul B'rest — Sp Student 1-0
Timis Poli — Bacau sc 1-0

HUNGARY
F'varos — Csepel 1-0
Vasas — Debrecen 0-1
D'gyoer — T'banya 1-2
Pecs — Honved 1-1

N'gyhaza — Kaposvar 0-0
Raba eto — B'csaba 2-2
GERMANY
D'Dorf - 1860 Munich 2-1
Schalke - Hamburg 2-1
Bielefeld - Stuttgart 1-0
Ein Frank - Cologne 4-0
Gladbach - Lautern 1-0
U'dingen - Nuremberg 3-2
Munich - Duisburg 5-1
Kusen - Ruhe 3-0
B. D'mund - Bochum 1-3

E. GERMANY
Dyn Dres - H. Rostock 4-0
K-M Stadt - Chem Boeh 2-1
R-W Erfurt - D. Berlin 3-3
Wismut Aue - St Riesa 2-3
Magdeburg - C-Z Jena 3-1
Viwaerts Fr - H. Chemie 1-0
L. Leipzig - Zwickau 0-0

POLAND
Ruch Chor - LKS Lodz 2-0
Z. Siwiec - A. Gdynia 3-1
L. Pozhan - Od Opole 1-0
L. Warsaw - Sz Bytom 2-1
Xal Gdynia - Sl Wroclaw 0-1
Wid Lodz - Glinik Zab 2-1
M. Lublin - St Mielec 2-3
W. Krakow - Z. Bioszcz 2-0

N. AMERICA
Washington - Montreal 1-0
Atlanta - Tampa Bay 3-1
Fort L'dale - Edmonton 2-0

Chicago - Tulsa 3-2
P'land - Calgary 3-1
San Diego - Seattle 3-1
V'couver - LA 3-0

N. IRELAND
B'mena - C'raigne 2-0
Bangor - C'ders 0-2
C'ville - Larne 2-4
D'llery - Ards 1-2
G'toran - G'avon 3-1
P'down - L'field 0-4
D'varos - Z'erszeg 0-1
Videoton - Uj dozsa 0-0
MTK VM - Volan 2-2

SPAIN
R Madrid — Zaragoza 2-0
V'dolid — S'manca 3-0
Almeria — B'lona 2-5
A Bilbao — Hercules 5-3
Sevilla — R Betis 2-1
R Murcia — Sociedad 0-2
Espanol — L Palmas 3-1
Sporting — Osasuna 5-1
Valencia — At Madrid 1-1

HOLLAND
Sp R'dam — Roda JC 4-1
Wageningen — Go Ahead 2-1
Nac Breda — Utrecht 0-3
PSV — Willem II 4-0
Ex R'dam — Fey R'dam 1-3
Groningen — Twente 0-1
The Hague — MVV 2-3
AZ'67 — Ajax 0-1
Pec — Nec 0-1

SWITZERLAND
Basle — G'hoppers 1-5
Chenois — Lucerne 0-0
Chiasso — Sion 2-4
Lausanne — Nor Basle 2-0
St Gallen — Neuchatel 1-2
Young Boys — B'zona 2-0
Zurich — S'vette 3-2

ITALY
Ascoli — C'zaro 1-2
A'llino — Udinese 0-0
Bologna — Cagliari 2-1
Inter — Brescia 0-0
Perugia — Como 0-0
P'oise — Juventus 1-3
Roma — F'tina 1-1
Torino — Napoli 0-1

PORTUGAL
Guimaraes — Benfica 0-0
Porto — Ac Coim 7-0
Sporting — Braga 1-1
B'nenses — Varzim 1-1
Espinho — Penafiel 1-1
Ac Viseu — Amora 1-0
Setubal — Boavista 0-0

GREEK
Apollon — Ofi 0-0
P'chaiki — Larisa 1-0
Kavala — Ethnikos 2-1
Korinthos — Aek 2-1
Paok — Aris 1-1
P'onios — Kastoria 4-0
O'piakos — Doxa 3-2
P'naikos — P'aikos 4-0
Yannina — Atromitos 4-0

COCA-COLA CUP — BIG ROW

By JOHN FIELD

There have been several significant moves in England since the draw for the Coca-Cola World Youth Championship was made in Canberra.

As we told you on more than one occasion, English professional clubs will be most reluctant to allow their star youngsters to travel to Australia for the Championship.

Already, London papers predict a confrontation between England team boss Ron Greenwood and the clubs.

Greenwood will ask club to release their players. He says he would like to field the side which won the

European Youth Championship last year.

This includes players like Tommy Caton (Manchester City), Mark Hatley (Coventry City), Paul Allen (West Ham), Shaun Brooks (Crystal Palace) and Steve McKenzie (Manchester City).

Greenwood said: "This is an ideal opportunity to show the world what good young players we have. The question is . . . will our clubs allow them to go?"

John Cartwright, manager of the English Youth XI, has his doubts.

He was not optimistic when he said: "We are asking clubs to release first team players for a period of more than three weeks just after the start of the season."

"I shall start with a squad of 40, then work through when I know who is available. Ideally, England should take the strongest side, but I KNOW club interests are bound to con-

flict."

One thing is for sure — the Youth team players themselves would love to play in Australia.

One of them, Charlton Athletic's 18-year-old striker Paul Walsh wants a clause in his club contract guaranteeing his release for the Coca-Cola Cup in Australia.

He said: "I am desperate to go, but it will be difficult to get Charlton to release me."



Paul Allen



TOMMY CATON

COCA-COLA CUP DOES NOT IMPRESS FRANCE FOOTBALL!

The World Youth Championship for the Coca Cola Cup appears to be raising little enthusiasm with "France Football" which is rated the world's best Soccer paper.

The following story was published in the latest issue of the Paris-based magazine:-

It is said that the third World Youth Championship, sponsored by Coca-Cola will take place in Australia in October.

A small controversy has started between the Australian Press and the big soft drink company. Coca-Cola, apparently, hasn't been sparing in its funding since signing a contract with FIFA taking into account the heavy deficits entailed by the two previous Championships in Tunisia (1977) and Japan (1979).

Coca-Cola is giving for instance, \$500,000 to FIFA in travelling expenses alone for the 15 participating countries and 40 officials.

Coca-Cola hopes to recoup some of this money from advertising and T.V. rights. However, according to Australian journalists, the American firm has gone too far in demanding 1.8 million dollars in total for advertising hoardings in stadiums and in proclaiming to potential advertisers an expected total of 1,000 million T.V. viewers for the series.

This seems very optimistic when one considers that the last European Championship, a far more prestigious and important competition, struggled to achieve half of that audience!

CROATIA SCORES A BARGAIN DEAL

By John Economos

Sydney Croatia have scored with a wonderful "bargain bonanza" package deal negotiated with the Sydney Slickers.

The deal involves the transfer of the two very talented Brazilian players, Marcos Silva and Mozart Fonseca, plus striker Terry Smith (who was originally valued at \$8,000) to Croatia from Sydney Slickers.

As an added bonus, Nelio Borges has been loaned free-of-charge till the end of the season. The total cost of these transfers was \$11,000.

When A.S.W. contacted Croatia's president, Tony Topic, he said: "Croatia is very happy with the whole deal with Sydney Slickers, and on behalf of my club, we are most grateful to the Slickers for their enormous

help and understanding. In future, Croatia will always try to continue this good relationship with Sydney Slickers."

Sydney City's secretary, David Childs, said: "Sydney City was most impressed with the manner and behaviour that Croatia showed, when they approached my club regarding their needs. I can honestly say the whole business was handled in the best manner I have been involved with in Australia Soccer. Their officials came to us direct without approaching the players, first. What a lovely change."

ADELAIDE STILL ANGRY ABOUT CUP DRAW

By Tom McKain

Adelaide officials are still trying to work out what went wrong with the World Youth Cup draw, and nothing will persuade them that they were not "done the dirty" when Group D was given to Sydney with Argentina, England, Australia and Cameroon drawn together.

No matter what Sir Arthur George or other ASF officials say, they cannot deny that Group D was allocated to Adelaide weeks ago, and again the day the draw was made in Canberra.

Nor can they argue that the Group originally listed alongside Brisbane didn't finish up in Melbourne.

Adelaide and Brisbane were the victims of a switch which made the draw for the Coca-Cola Cup a force.

The original provisional draw, and the one provided on leaflets before the actual draw in Canberra, read:

Group A — Sydney — Newcastle.
Group B — Brisbane.

Group C — Melbourne.

Group D — Adelaide-Canberra.

This was received in Adelaide on March 4.

But in Canberra the "result" was Sydney-Newcastle Group D. Brisbane Group A. Melbourne Group B and Adelaide-Canberra Group C.

If it had been announced that the strongest-looking groups would go to Sydney and Melbourne in that order, fair enough. But it wasn't!

And for Sir Arthur George to claim on 5DN radio that Adelaide had a good draw in Group C — Mexico, Spain, West Germany and Egypt — was ludicrous.

West Germany did

not even qualify, having taken the place of Holland who withdrew when clubs would not release their players.

One can imagine the outcry if Sydney or Melbourne had been given Mexico, West Germany Spain and Egypt. We say given because they certainly weren't drawn.

There has been the sop thrown up to SA officials that they have the play-off for third and fourth place.

Who wants to see the losers!?

Teams who miss out on the final want to pack up and go home, not play off for something which means nothing.

This has been proven in the senior World Cup.

SIX SOCCEROO STRIKERS AFTER THREE POSITIONS

By Keith Gilmour

Positions in the Socceroo forward line are up for grabs as the players work towards the New Zealand World Cup match in Auckland on Anzac Day.

Until the crash of Heidelberg and Marconi in the early Philips League matches the near certainties were Peter Sharne, Eddie Krncevic and Gary Cole.

Their drop in form probably means that only Sharne is safe, provided that he works back to his pre-season form.

Now pressing for places are Baz Giampaolo, Mark Jankovics and John Kosmina.

Cole must come back to top form, and Giampaolo has a definite chance also.

Already Saudi Arabia and China have qualified for the home and away tournament to follow the completion of their group matches.

It is hard to go past Kuwait as the qualifier to come from the series in Kuwait which starts on April 17.

Australia is unhappy over the prospect of playing on artificial turf in Saudi Arabia especially as China will not have to, as they and the Saudis have to find neutral venues for their

games.

The Socceroos will be whittled down from 22 players to 16 and two on stand-by for Auckland.

This week they will be advised of the incentive scheme that will apply for the preliminary series.

Getting to Spain brings the big bonus, to which is added wages and match payments along the way.

The return match against the Kiwis will probably be played at the Sydney Sports Ground on Saturday, May 16.

World Cup committee chairman Peter McCann however, said: "We may settle for the Cricket Ground and bring the playing pitch closer to the main stands."

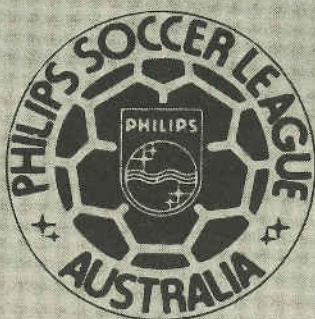
"We will aim to gain the kids and their parents for this vital game."

In addition, the big New Zealand population in Sydney should swell the crowd.

All in all, it is taking \$1 million to get the team to Spain. May 16, in particular, will be the day for all Soccer fans to get right behind the team



TERRY SMITH (LEFT)



WEEKEND

FIXTURES

Philips Soccer League

BRISBANE GLADIATORS V BLACKTOWN DEMONS

DATE: Saturday, April 18th. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
VENUE: Spencer Park.
OFFICIALS: Referee - D. Miles. Linesmen - A. Kibbler, G. Nicholson.

SYDNEY SLICKERS V BRISBANE LIONS

DATE: Sunday, April 19th. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
VENUE: Sydney Athletic Field.
OFFICIALS: Referee - R. Lorenc. Linesmen - T. Williams, R. Barton.

ADELAIDE GIANTS V NEWCASTLE KB RAIDERS

DATE: Sunday, April 19th. KICK-OFF: 2.30 pm.
VENUE: Olympic Sports Field.
OFFICIALS: Referee - R. Kerr. Linesmen - G. Neal, T. Martell.

PRESTON RAMS V LEICHHARDT STRIKERS

DATE: Sunday, April 19th. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
VENUE: Conner Reserve.
OFFICIALS: Referee - S. Mellings. Linesmen - D. Voutsinas, D. Fokianos.

STH MELBOURNE GUNNERS V WOLLONGONG WOLVES

DATE: Sunday, April 19th. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
VENUE: Middle Park.
OFFICIALS: Referee - C. Bambridge. Linesmen - J. Fearn, M. Gaut,

MARCONI LEOPARDS V HEIDELBERG WARRIORS

DATE: Sunday, April 19th. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
VENUE: Marconi Stadium.
OFFICIALS: Referee - P. Rampley. Linesmen - A. Owens, A. Morrison.

SYDNEY OLYMPIANS V ADELAIDE HAWKS

DATE: Sunday, April 19th. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
VENUE: Pratten Park.
OFFICIALS: Referee - T. Davies. Linesmen - P. Hafey, K. Tooke

CANBERRA ARROWS V FOOTSCRAY EAGLES

DATE: Monday, April 20th. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
VENUE: Bruce Stadium.
OFFICIALS: Referee - R. Mee. Linesmen - V. Celestino, P. Murphy



Soccer Terms explained: No. 7

A "Free".

Meaning "free kick"—a place kick awarded following an infringement by an opposing player. Depending on the seriousness of the offence, the kick may be either "direct", from which a goal may be scored directly, or "indirect", from which a goal cannot be scored until the ball has been touched by a player other than the kicker.

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NEXT WEEKEND'S PREVIEWS

ADELAIDE CITY V NEWCASTLE KB

By Tom McKain

They say that by the tenth round of the PSL competition you can predict what is going to happen to a team.

The ninth comes up this weekend, and Giants must get a win at home against Newcastle.

Although coach Bob D'Ottavi has had no money to spend on stars, the fans' discontent is beginning to rumble round the terraces, and the stand at Olympic Sports Field was particularly quiet when Giants struggled to beat Brisbane Lions 3-2 in the last home game.

And once again the fate of the team will hinge on the midfield, where Brian Northcote is an in-and-out proposition with his suspect back and hip, and Kiwi Glenn Dods with that strapped knee.

If the latter is back to full fitness, Giants should get the lift they need.

But he will need some help from Sergio Melta and Charlie Villani who have been alternating in the middle of the park.

Because of his employment Melta can train only twice a week — and it shows as his stamina runs out.

At times Villani is brilliant, and at other times appears "lost".

This puts a lot of weight on skipper Gary Marocchi, the other midfielder.

Fortunately for the Adelaide side Newcastle's opening flurry appears to have died down.

But if Giants allow Graham Heys, or Steve Sumner any room to shoot, it



GRAHAM HEYS

would be disaster day, with that tenth match coming up away from home.

CANBERRA ARROWS V FOOTSCRAY

By Steve Burns

Footscray Eagles, languishing at the bottom of the PSL table, are Canberra Arrows opponents next Monday — yes Monday, not Sunday — at Bruce Stadium.

It would be a mighty upset if they won.

But despite their great start to the 1981 season the Arrows still continue to make hard work of winning home games.

Ask any of the 5,682 people who watched the Sydney Olympians game a fortnight ago!

On Monday, however, Canberra face the problems of once more having to settle down after a reshuffle due to the injury of striker Walter Valeri and the loss of Kiwi internationals Wilson and Cole to World Cup duty.

Fans will for the first time get the chance to see both new Scottish imports, Ian Gibson and Ian Purdie, in ac-

tion for a full game, although Gibson showed his prowess against Olympic by snatching a 73rd minute match-winner.

Footscray, however, have always played well against Canberra.

Usually they play cultured football, using neat approach work and fine finishing. Like Canberra's last opponents, their ability and play can be much better than position on the league ladder indicates.

Footscray should never be underestimated — particularly as almost from the start of the season they've been hit with an unusually heavy crop of injuries.

Players like Hazabent, Boland, Illioski and Kondarios are the equal of most in today's Philips League.

Canberra will be out to assert early dominance — and hopefully collect early goals to put the issue beyond doubt.

SOUTH MELBOURNE V WOLLONGONG

By Peter Georgiou

Sunday will be a very decisive day at Middle Park, for both South Melbourne and Wollongong, as the two top teams, will sort out who has the strength to hit the top of the ladder and continue with increased hope of achieving the ultimate.

Wollongong have proved so far that they are not among the four top teams this year by sheer luck even though they are newcomers in the League.

They have shown the fighting spirit right from the start of the season and they have knocked out teams which have the title as a target this year.

Their defensive record is very good and they are also good in attack by having scored 11 goals in seven games.

A win over South Melbourne will certainly put them at the very top and Wollongong are capable of anything as they are the surprise team this year.

South Melbourne had a few problems with injuries but the replacement of top defender Arthur Xanthopoulos by the ex-

perienced Bertie Lutton in the match against Newcastle KB was a success and that shows that South Melbourne has a very strong reserve line to fall back on when it's needed.

The tension will be with South, because, as John Margaritis puts it, any team feels very proud to beat the team that sits at the top of the ladder.

"The pressure is actually on us as we are the top team and everybody takes pride in trying to beat us. All games are hard but this one will be harder because Wollongong have proven to be a very difficult team handle. But I am confident that we will still be at the top after this one," he said.

There is a possibility that Xanthopoulos will be back this Sunday and with the front-line in top form South Melbourne is set to take on the newcomers who at this stage are threatening to cause the biggest upset in the national championship since its foundation.

MARCONI V HEIDELBERG

By Alex Vesic

Jimmy Rooney, the player-coach of Heidelberg, will remember last year's Philips Cup final as he takes his team to tackle Marconi at Bossley Park next Sunday.

Fresh from their defeat at the hands of South Melbourne at Middle Park, Marconi turned in a great performance to completely demolish Heidelberg in the Philips Cup final by three goals to nil last year.

It was nothing strange to see so many goals scored in matches between these two clubs. In fact, in eight League encounters to date, the two sides have scored no less than 35 goals — 19 to Marconi and 16 to Heidelberg. An aggregate of four goals per match must certainly induce the local Marconi supporters to turn out in droves for the match on Sunday.

Will Tansey and McMillan be able to cope with the speed of Sharne and Janovic? Will Provan be able to beat Krncevic in the air, or will Rooney stop that midfield dynamo of Marconi, Houssein Housseini?

Gary Cole is bound to give Mariani and Henderson king-size headaches, while

Olver and Maher are certain to be involved in this game. Both sides, despite their early setbacks, are getting back on the rails and should be the drawcard for this battle of the giants.

The winner?

As in all their previous encounters, it will be very difficult to tell. Both sets of forwards are vying for spots in the national team, adding to the interest this game must generate.

Marconi has won 4-0 and 8-1, but suffered losses of 4-0 and 4-1 against Heidelberg in the past. Last year they drew twice, but those were not tame draws as each side scored four apiece in two matches.

Home game advantage does not seem to have had much bearing on the outcome in the past, and I doubt if that will change on this occasion.

However, the form of Marconi in its most recent home match should indicate that they are back on the winning trail and should install them as slight favourites.

A draw would be the most reasonable result but 3-2 to the home side is my tip.

BRISBANE CITY V BLACKTOWN DEMONS

By Wally Bruce

Brisbane City no doubt will have some misgivings about their clash with Blacktown Demons, which has been brought forward a day to Easter Saturday, at Spencer Park.

The Gladiators last season lost both matches to the then PSL newcomers, 1-2 at home and 1-3 away.

The away loss was particularly surprising as City the week before had broken through for their first win with fighting 1-0 victory over the Sydney Slickers.

And the home result was a grave disappointment also, as the Gladiators dominated the Demons only to give away two absolute gift goals.

And guess who scored them? The player who is currently City's leading striker so

far this season, the tall and powerful Paul Wilkinson.

With his tremendous prowess in the air, Wilkinson has scored three goals, two of them headers, and it must be remembered he has also hit the woodwork three times.

The Gladiators still have their unbeaten home record to defend as so far West Adelaide, Sydney Olympians and Footscray have left Spencer Park pointless while Canberra Arrows escapes with one.

But the Demons have produced some handy results lately for Rale Rasic, including a draw with South Melbourne Gunners and an away win over Preston Rams and an away draw against Wollongong Wolves.

No doubt the Gladiators hope to send Blacktown home as Easter Bunnies.

PRESTON RAMS V LEICHHARDT STRIKERS

By Greg Blake

Two up-and-coming teams with high hopes for the season, both reasonably placed in the league and both with lots of ability and tons of promise.

That is the scenario then for the clash of the giants, Peter Ollerton of the Rams and Strikers defender Peter Wilson. Former Soccerroo team mates and two of the game's most experienced players pitted against each other in a duel that could easily decide the outcome of the match.

Ollerton and Wilson have both been through some lean times recently but this season they have both returned to top form and are proving to be their respective team's best players almost every week.

Wilson has been the dominant figure in Leichhardt's defence all year and from all reports would be quite able to fill the

breach had Gutendorf been in need of an experienced central defender.

Ollerton, after a woeful period which saw him wander from South Melbourne to Marconi and then to Footscray, is doing a splendid job for the Rams in their first PSL season, not only by becoming leading scorer — something no-one would have envisaged before the season started — but by showing by example what is expected of PSL class players.

Only the very foolish or very brave would be stupid enough to get between these two when they meet head to head this Sunday. They are both big experienced players with the ability to turn a game off their own boots and their duel will more than likely decide who takes the two points at Conner Reserve on Sunday.

SYDNEY SLICKERS V BRISBANE LIONS

By John Field

Sydney City - the Slickers - may not be consistently "slick" this season, indeed some of their results have baffled all the experts.

For instance, who could have predicted they would bite the dust on their recent trip to Melbourne to play the bottom club in the Philips League, Footscray?

Without doubt, Slickers are a good side...possibly the pick of them all in the PSL. If we accept that, it is obvious that Eddie Thomson's boys have to be tipped to beat opposition of the class of Brisbane Lions.

Lions inspire no optimism. Season after season, they just about get by, rarely suggesting they are title-contenders - a run-of-

the-mill outfit.

There is little, in fact, in Queensland to send local Soccer fans into raptures of enthusiasm. Despite a couple of successes in the Philips Cup, Brisbane City are not much more inspiring than their Lions neighbours.

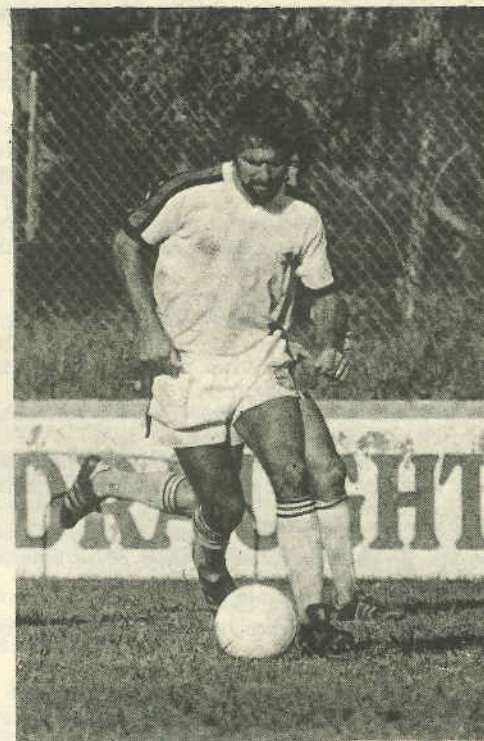
So if the form book means anything, Lions will be very happy if they can salvage a point from their safari to the Sydney Athletic Field.

There is every incentive for Slickers to turn on something special next weekend. This is a team which hates to be beaten and, with the Footscray defeat fresh in their minds, the Sydney side will be keen to bang in plenty of goals at Lions expense.

I like backing favourites, not underdogs, so my money goes on Slickers.

SYDNEY OLYMPIANS V WEST ADELAIDE

by Keith Gilmour



Clive Eaton

The expected appearance of Jimmy Wright and Peter Boyle for West Adelaide and the Tommy Docherty policy of attack and entertain will ensure that the fans get value for money.

Wright, who started out with Leeds United and was with St Johnstone in the Scottish First Division until 1979/80, has created a fine impression with coach Billy Birch.

Boyle's return to the PSL has sparked off a revival of fortune for the Hawks.

Unfortunately he pulled a muscle and has had to stand down, but he is expected to be match fit for this encounter.

Tommy Docherty, earlier critical of the Olympians' purchase of full-back Danny Moulis, has now welcomed the lad into his line-up.

Docherty has also brought Clive Eaton into the fold, although young Mark Koussas is first choice as central striker.

Olympic's failings have been well documented, but if the anticipated overseas signings take place the club's fortunes are sure to rise.

There will be a battle for midfield mastery and if Olympic receive at least a 50/50 share of the ball they have better finishers than the Hawks to put their chances away.

Derek Laing has been in great form and his experience has added ginger to the Olympian blend.

But watch Hawks' goalkeeper Martyn Crook. He pulls some great saves out of the air and is capable of turning a result to his team's favour.

DEFENSE WINS

By Greg Blake

Sydney City Slickers' captain, Murray Barnes, completely summed up his team's stunning 1-0 defeat at Schintler Reserve at the hands of lowly Footscray after the match.

"It was all us in the first half and I thought we were doing well considering Footscray's defensive attitude.

"After half-time we became frustrated and the referee didn't help us at all. Footscray are always hard to play away."

Indeed, Footscray's tight Schintler Reserve has been the downfall of many fine sides, although the Slickers are the first "big guns" to fall there this year.

But for all their struggles and woes Footscray may finally have found some temporary answers to their problem.

Footscray coach, Cedo Circovic, readily admitted his apprehension towards facing the goal-scoring might of Kosmina, Watson, Boden etc, but an unrelenting, dour five-man defence of Milne, O'Reilly, Kyriakoulas, Kriaris and Hazabent, although not conducive to attacking Soccer, may well keep the side from conceding too many goals.

"I was worried by the opposition and I put all my hopes in defence hoping we may manage a goal at the other end," Circovic explained.

The problem of commitment seems also at an end as the Eagles revelled in the Slickers' pressure immediately after the goal in the 67th minute.

"My boys all gave everything today. We were disciplined and showed a real desire to overcome the best team in the country, and we did," he said, seeming almost as surprised as I was.

Another bonus for Footscray was the fact they had a full squad for the first time this year and with the return of Lujic and a couple of Yugoslav imports impending they can only get better.

In the first half the Slickers took Footscray to task and at half time, after already having a goal disallowed, it seemed only a matter of time before the inevitable rout would begin.

Souness and Bruce were having a field day, Muniz dazzled and Patikas and Barnes made up a formidable-looking opposition.

The only thing missing was the sparkle up front where Boden was taken apart by Kyriakoulas, and Kosmina, apart from playing some nice first-time balls, was not to be seen.

Footscray began stretching the Slickers defence ever so slightly after the break and this proved to be an ominous warning as the only really inspired move of the game culminated in a goal to the Eagles in the 67th minute.

The move was sweet and incisive — more perhaps what we've come to expect from Sydney City — and one which sent the reigning champions reeling.

Ilioski held the ball in midfield before spearing it wide to Hazabent on the left who, in turn, sent Cozzella away first time deep into attack.

Cozzella ran to the by line, hesitated, then cut the ball back for Belic to hit the winner from close range.

The only time the Slickers looked really dangerous was from set pieces but Denis Boland was in top form once again.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland, Hazabent, Kondarios, Kyriakoulas, O'Reilly, Milne, Jovanovic, Ilioski, Belic (Petrov 80), Cozzella, Kakantonis (Curovic 85).

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke, Bruce, Spanos, O'Connor (Gomez 50), Souness, Barnes, Muniz (Cant 74), Patikas, Boden, Kosmina, Watson.

Referee: D Voutsinis. Crowd: 1,500.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Footscray - Boland (2); Sydney City - Bruce (2)



DENNIS BOLAND

PSL MATCH REPORTS

OLYMPIC FANS

By John

Olympic's attacking football

There were 6,878 fans at Pratten Park to see Olympic sink Marconi 2-0.

Not taking anything away from Olympic, but Marconi's World Cup players looked extremely flat after their week in camp under Rudi Gutendorf.

And Peter Sharpe suffered a pulled hamstring early in the second half.

The first half saw Olympic constantly moving forward but they just couldn't finish off.

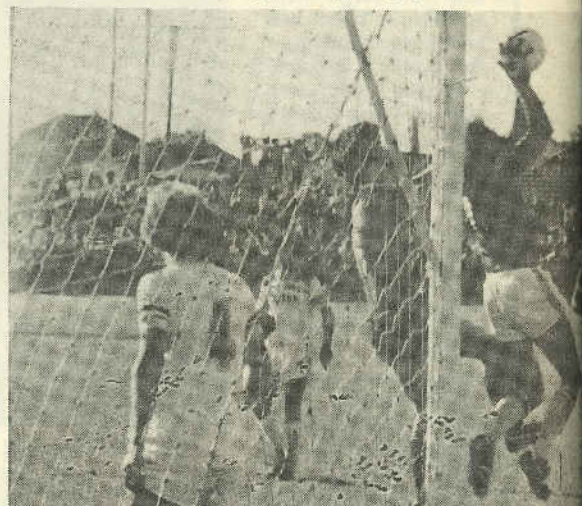
Shots from Cotton, Jennings, Katholos and Koussas all missed narrowly, whilst for Marconi, Jankovics, from only five metres out, had his shot kicked off the line by Olympic sweeper Wilson.

In the 30th minute, Katholos knocked a long ball to Koussas who brilliantly beat his defender and set sail for the Marconi goal. But his shot just whistled past the left post. One minute later, Marconi manager Blanco replaced Colusso and brought on Jim Muir to stiffen the defence as Olympic was attacking with four strikers. Marconi now lined up in a 5-2-3 formation in an endeavour to stem the tide.

Only two minutes after the break, Koussas worked his way into the Marconi box and from only three metres, blasted his shot that was well saved by Allan Maher with an outstretched leg.

Olympic's confidence and enthusiasm grew. It looked only a matter of time before Olympic would break the ice.

In the 71st minute, Koussas and Muir turned sharply on to a through ball, with Muir fouling Koussas as they both turned. Referee Tony Boskovic awarded Olympic a free-kick on the edge of the box which Katholos took, smashing a right-footed shot high into the Marconi goal, to put Olympic into the lead.



Mark Koussas climbs high but Allan M

RAMS EATEN ALIVE

By Ian Smith

The misery of the results of the last month were washed away as Newcastle stormed to victory over Preston.

At last, the International Sports Centre crowd saw two teams spread the length of the park and gone were the cramped conditions of the off-side trap.

From a seemingly innocuous position on the left touchline, Howard Tredinnick sent the ball floating across from a free kick and found the head of Bob Mountford who headed home KB's first goal after only two minutes 40 seconds.

It was the signal for end to end attacking for the remainder of the game and the sparkle and flair of both forward lines were seen to advantage.

Preston Rams in fact were somewhat unlucky to go to the half-time break one goal down after Ollerton almost scored in the 28th minute and an incredible sequence of events in the 38th after Dando had missed a cross, saw the ball eventually cleared off KB's goal line.

During this period of play Newcastle's attack suffered from players not being aware of their teammates and not moving into good positions.

After the interval, however, their understanding returned and in the 52nd minute Steve Sumner, who was having an outstanding game, slipped the ball to left-winger Buckley who crossed the ball over into the penalty area.

The central defenders and

attackers all missed the ball in the air and it fell to Senkalski who coolly placed the ball in the net from eight metres.

From this point on KB held the upper hand in the game although Preston continued to counter attack whenever the opportunity arose and Dando had to pull out a great save to stop a McMillan shot in the 60th minute.

However, just four minutes later the home side won a corner which was taken by David Kamasz.

It floated over to Senkalski on the far post who nodded it back to the inrushing Bertogna who pushed it home from close range.

The major setback for the Raiders came in the 67th minute when captain Roy Drinkwater's knee seized up and he had to be carried off on a stretcher. An injury that appears to be a long-term one.

The Rams' awkward-appearing striker, Lucchesi, was continually worrying the KB defence about this time with some probing runs but they were all to no avail, partly because Peter Ollerton was being marked out of the game by Bertogna, Tredinnick and Drinkwater's replacement, David Jones.

In the 80th minute, midfield maestro, Senkalski, again

featured as he pushed a lovely pass to right-winger, Kamasz, whose cross, for the first time in the afternoon, found Mountford who headed home the best goal of the match.

While they never scored any goals the key to Newcastle's success was undoubtedly the wonderful construction work of Sumner and Senkalski while young Howard Tredinnick handled his defensive role yet again with the aplomb of a veteran and Col Curran must be worried about how he can get back in the team.

In praise of the visitors it must be said that the result flattered KB and the Rams really deserved at least two goals though they never appeared as winners.

NEWCASTLE: Dando, Reaney, H Tredinnick, Senkalski, Bertogna, Drinkwater (Jones 67), Sumner, Mountford, McClelland, Buckley, Kamasz (Stamp 80).

PRESTON: Clayton, Rainey, Beech, Ollerton, Higham, Faulkner, Flavell, McMillan, Petrovski, Lucchesi, Little (Stoikos 62).

Referee: A Rodway. Crowd: 4,278.

Yellow cards: McMillan, Flavell.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Newcastle KB: Sumner (3); Preston Rams: Lucchesi (2)

EX-COACH'S EASTER "GIFT"

By Alex Vesic

An Easter bunny wrapped in Adelaide City colours came Gabbie way on Sunday, but carried little of the Easter goodwill.

In fact, Rale Rasic, the ex-coach of Adelaide City, was the unexpected receiver of the present bearing five goals which stunned Blacktown Demons and some 2,500 loyal Blacktown supporters.

It might be hard on Mr Rasic to say that Blacktown deserved the hammering handed out by the Adelaide City team.

With only four minutes gone David Mitchell scored an opportunist goal but some 20 minutes later it was cancelled by a header from Peter Cuk.

With Blacktown attacking Adelaide City scored following a quick drive on the right flank. John Perin, the best man for Adelaide in this match, found Northcote on the edge of the penalty area. Northcote's shot

was deflected into the net by the lunging Johnny Nyskohus.

Two quick goals against the run of play saw Adelaide City storm to a commanding 4-1 lead midway through the second half.

Bobby Russell scored a lucky third goal when a clearance by Cliff Pointer rebounded off Russell's leg to go in for City's number three goal in the 58th minute.

Northcote made it 4-1 in the 64th minute to seal the game for the visitors.

David Jones of Adelaide City was sent off in the 68th minute but that didn't deter the visitors who scored goal number five in the 75th minute through David Mitchell.

It was the end of the scoring but not high drama which kept

spectators on their seats till the last minute of the game. Blacktown Demons attacked furiously but had little to show for it in the end.

For Adelaide City it was a case of "wait and counter" and they did it with precision of a well-drilled outfit.

BLACKTOWN: James, Wheatley, Milovanovic, Pointer, O'Donnell, Selvage, Hormazabal, Culina, Wallace (53 Milosevic), Cuk, Burrows.

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall, Russell, B Nyskohus, Jones, Dods, Perin, Marrochi, J Nyskohus, Mitchell, Northcote, Melta.

Referee: Doug Rennie.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Adelaide City - Perin (3); Blacktown - O'Donnell (2)

Crowd: 2340.

PHIL O'CONNOR HIS C

By Dav

It's probably too late now, but Leichhardt for inclusion in Australia's World Cup squad team's 1-1 draw with South Melbourne at

This was the O'Connor of old. Whenever he had the ball, danger threatened.

He looked particularly sharp when going wide down the wings and, if Rudi Gutendorf wants to field a genuine winger in any of his Socceroos' Cup matches, he need look no further than O'Connor.

Unfortunately, Baz Giampaolo was at anything but his sharpest so the pair, who work so well together, did not make the expected double-barrel impression on South Melbourne's defence.

Giampaolo's lethargic display was blamed by coach Willie Wallace on national team training. Wallace said bluntly: "The boy is exhausted. He has worked hard all week with the Socceroos and he had little left for this match. I don't know why players need hard physical conditioning with the national coach but I can tell you they're worn out."

That apart, Leichhardt and South put on an entertaining spectacle and the 1-1 result was pretty fair.

Leichhardt might have had first half goals from Tony Morsello, Zdenko Kafka and Giampaolo but, let's be fair, Peter Wilson, hitting top form, was a saviour for the home team on a couple of occasions with clearances off the line.

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s bringing back the crowds.

In the 78th minute, Katholos passed to the left flank to pick up Roy Cotton, but Marconi's Paul Degney, hesitated looking for offside, allowing Cotton to streak past him, cutting into the Marconi box to crash in the second goal. As if Marconi's troubles were not enough, two minutes later, referee Boskovic sent off linkman, Housseini, for alleged bad language. Olympic won this match because they just kept pushing forward up front and played far more direct Soccer than their opponents. Katholos and Raskopoulos took full control in the middle and gave their strikers far more service than the Marconi forwards received.

This victory will be most valuable to Olympic, and can only add to their confidence which at the moment is running sky high.

After the match, Marconi coach, Raul Blanco, admitted "We were beaten by the better team on the day."

Sydney Olympic coach Tommy Docherty, said: "Katholos and Raskopoulos can easily play as a pair in the U.K. without any worries. Katholos is so strong, he just shrugs off tackles easily."

For the losers, I thought Tony Henderson was their best player as he never stopped trying, and striker Eddie Krncevic, although he received little service, looks like coming back to his top form.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: P. Wilson, Moulis, Ziras, K. Wilson, Palmer, Raskopoulos, Katholos, Laing, Cotton, Koussas, Jennings.

MARCONI: Maher, Degney, Henderson, Mariani, Prskalo, Byrne, Housseini, Colusso (Muir 31 min), Sharne, Jankovics, Krncevic.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Olympians — Peter Katholos (4); Marconi — Tony Henderson (4).



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winger Phil O'Connor put in a strong bid with an outstanding 90 minutes in his Lambert Park.

The first goal arrived five minutes after the interval and, appropriately, it came from O'Connor. He shot on the turn but was helped by a deflection off the unfortunate Bertie Lutton.

The Victorians applied plenty of second half pressure and often had Leichhardt's defence in big trouble but the pressure did not yield many clearly worked goal chances.

A goal had to come, though, and it was scored by Alun Evans with a quarter of an hour left. A corner by John Stevenson was helped on by a header to Evans who doesn't miss those sort of close-in gifts.

For Leichhardt, I liked O'Connor, Wilson, Skellern and Morsello while the best for South Melbourne were Laumets, Bannon, Blair and Evans.

LEICHHARDT: Woodhouse, Skellern, Wilson, Pullen, McAusland, Kafka, Leyden, Hughes, O'Connor, Giampaolo, Morsello (Soper 78mts).

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets, Bannon, Blair, Lutton (Christopoulos 65 mts), Davidson, Rogers, Stevenson, Shirra, Cummings, Evans, Buljevic.

REFEREE: P. Rampley.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Leichhardt - O'Connor (4); Sth Melbourne Evans - (3)

WOLVES GRAB A POINT

By Tom McKain

West Adelaide Hawks unveiled their new Scottish import, Jimmy Wright, at Hindmarsh Stadium last Sunday but despite his undoubted talents his team mates failed to capitalise and Wollongong went home with another point after a 0-0 draw.

Hawks' coach, Billy Birch, certainly kicked off under a handicap when giant targetman, Dave Pillans, pulled out with an ankle injury and his other winger, Manecas, could not play because of a recurring hamstring injury.

Hawks also lost midfield strongman, Peter Boyle, after the 16th minute when his hamstring again gave out, and for the start of the second half they kicked off minus forward, Graham Norris, who had suffered concussion just on half time when it looked as if he had scored but the ball went narrowly past the Wolves goal.

However, the substitutes, Ian McKie for Boyle, and Gordon Haig for Norris, were more than adequate.

Wright, who was cleared to the Hawks late on Friday, played a brilliant game on the wing — but it was unfortunate that his team-mates, so used to only a twin-striking formation, forgot he was there for 50 per cent

of the game.

However, credit to Wollongong. They came to Adelaide determined not to be beaten and their defensive field formation seldom cracked — and when it did deputy goalkeeper, Natch Vardereff, was there to collect the ball or push it for a corner.

Winger, Peter Tredinnick, worried West, as did Kiwi international Clive Campbell when he came on in the 55th minute for Glen Fontana, who had also played well.

Indeed, the removal of Fontana was a mystery as the Wolves appeared to lose a lot of their impetus when he was relegated to the bench.

The appearance of coach, Ken Morton, for Peter Willis in the 69th minute was a desperate move doomed as soon as he took the field.

There is no doubt Morton has soccer knowledge but at 34 he is obviously not fit enough

to charge up and down the field.

Wright will be an asset, but his teammates will have to wake up to the fact that he is there, and must also be alert to his talent for laying on chances from either wing.

While Graham Honeyman lifted his game to match Wright, some of the other regulars in the lineup may be facing what is politely called "a rest". WEST ADELAIDE: Crook, Tymczyszyn, Maricic, McGachey, Topaz, Bozanic, Boyle (McKie 16), Norris (Haig 45), Honeyman, Wright, Brown.

WOLLONGONG: Vardereff, Willis (Morton 69), Dunleavy, Ainsworth, Adam, Fontana (Campbell 55), Fleming, Tredinnick, McBreen, De Graff, Lathan.

Referee: Graham Neal.

MAN OF THE MATCH: West Adelaide - Tymczyszyn (3); Wollongong - De Graff (3)

UNLUCKY CANBERRA LOSE A POINT

By Peter Georgiou

It was a case of the visitors being forced to a draw at Olympic Park on Sunday despite the opening of the score by the home team.

Canberra Arrows gave a good display of Soccer against a very weak Heidelberg. The 1-1 draw is only a picture of their bad luck and inability to utilise some excellent chances in the first half which could have given them a lead by at least three goals.

Heidelberg, despite the return of Jimmy Tansey in defence, were very disorganised and with Jimmy Campbell playing in front their centre line was weak. Rooney did a lot of work with a little help from Taylor while Selemedis was out of touch.

It was then time for Canberra's bad luck as Farrell, totally unmarked, shot wide in the 18th minute while in the 29th minute Gibson, after passing Provan, sent a cross to Valeri but Canberra's forward headed the ball wide in front of an open goal.

Olver's turn to save Heidelberg again came in the remaining minutes of the first half as he was busy diving at the feet of Canberra's striker to block the ball.

Heidelberg came back in the second half a bit more aggres-



RICHARD WILSON PUNCHES CLEAR

sive and opened the score in the 58th minute when Rooney sent a cross parallel to the bar and as Wilson was unable to clear the ball Taylor headed home.

It looked as though Heidelberg was going to double the score eight minutes later but Gary Cole shot the ball into the hands of Wilson.

Canberra was determined not to lose this game and two minutes later they equalised with a cannon shot by John O'Shea from 15 metres.

Best from Heidelberg were Rooney and Campbell and

from Canberra Terry Byrne and McLaren really stood out. Referee: Mr Venios, Linesmen: Karlic, Brennan.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Canberra - Byrne (3); Heidelberg - Rooney (1)

HEIDELBERG: Olver, McMillan, Tansey, Yzendoom, Provan, Rooney, Taylor, Selemedis, Bouzikas (55 McGrory), Campbell, Cole.

CANBERRA: Wilson, M O'Shea, R O'Shea, Byrne, J O'Shea, Cole, Farrell (64 Massa), Stark, Valeri, McLaren, Gibson.

MILLMAN GETS MATCH-WINNER

By Wally Bruce

Brisbane Lions rode home on the boot of Ronnie Millman to beat their rivals Brisbane City and pick up a badly-needed two points at Richlands.

It was Lions' fourth win to City's three in nine local "derby" PSL matches, with two drawn.

The loss of the two points for City naturally impedes their title aspirations, yet they will have been heartened to hear that next Saturday's opponents at home, Blacktown, lost 5-1.

Lions had youngster Danny Wright back in their team after he resigned from the National Sports Institute in Canberra during the week.

Wright quit Canberra when he learned he was not in the National Youth squad and figures he can force his way back in by playing in the PSL.

Lions lost their new-found goalscorer Lyle Bryce with a leg injury as early as the 17th minute, but the player who had been dropped for Wright, Bobby Ferris, came on to add some muscle, with Wright and Millman to Lions forward line.

The goal came in the 26th minute, following a Jim McLean cross and Steve Hogg headed pass, which Millman crashed home from the edge of the box.

Although Lions did not create many more gilt-edged chances in the first half, they did manage to cause plenty of panic in the normally solid City backline.

One foul by David Ratcliffe on the breakaway Hogg earned a yellow card his second in two matches, and he could well be in doubt for the Blacktown match.

City had their chances to level before the break. Twice Paul Wilkinson was brought down, the first time causing a determined and justified shout from the City players.

Jim Hermiston arrived just in time to foil an attempt by winger Willie Conner and the other City winger Kevin Low was unlucky to hit the post in the 38th minute.

The chance came after Tony Scanlan failed to clear and Wilkinson drove a strong ball back into the goalmouth, where the resultant scramble finished with Low's misfortune.

Barry Kelso appeared for the first time in several matches by replacing Low at half-time and almost secured a breakthrough but for a great diving save by Scanlan.

City had the majority of the second half but ran into the usual stubborn Lions rearguard effort, in which Col Bennett did a great job marking Wilkinson.

Wilkinson headed a good chance over the bar from a Steve Perry cross and Conner missed a possible equaliser at the near post following another pass from the Soccerroo full-back.

Lions midfielder McLean was involved in another continuous substitution move for the second home match running, when he was replaced by Mark McNaughton.

McLean shook his head and threw away his shirt in disgust as he progressed up the players' race.

In a thrilling final 15 minutes, City pushed Ratcliffe forward and went searching desperately for the equaliser.

They thought they had one when Ferris handled a Conner cross and referee Ken Allen pointed to the spot, but after checking with his linesman, it was given just outside the box.

BRISBANE LIONS — Scanlan, Ontong, Hermiston, Bennett, Niven, Hogg, Lindsay, McLean (McNaughton, 67th), Bryce (Ferris 17th), Wright, Millman.

BRISBANE CITY — Coe, Perry, Ratcliffe, Dunne, Wilkinson, Gaffney, Pimblett, Hamilton, Low (Kelso 45th) Wilkinson, Conner.

REFEREE: Ken Allen

MAN OF THE MATCH: Lions, Bennett 3pts. City, Dunne 2pts.

ASW — MARCONI TRAVEL TROPHY

A player who picks up five points in one match has to be just about capable of walking on water!

That's the briefing ASW gave its writers when the ASW-MARCONI TRAVEL trophy was instigated.

In fact, it is a great achievement for any player to be named "man of the match" even if he gets only a two points rating.

At every match in the Philips League this year, AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY reporters will name the top player in each team.

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3. A great performance.
2. Very good.
1. Good.

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KEITH GILMOUR ON

JUNIOR SOCCER



AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS FINALS IN MELBOURNE

This year's Australian Schools' Championships has been set down for the Albert Park Soccer Grounds in Melbourne on August 23/30.

In Sydney the NSW Combined High School Sports Assn will stage Soccer representative matches against the private schools.

On July 1 CHS plays the Independent Schools, and two weeks later they play the Great Public Schools. At the vital Inter-Regional level the competition will be held at Memorial Park Corrimall on June 23-25.

And the schoolgirls series has been set down for St George, August 19-20.

The knockout series for schoolgirls will culminate in semi-finals on August 12 and the final on August 26, at venues still to be announced.

In the popular Tasman Cup series all round 2 matches are set down for completion by April 24.

Round 2 is to be finalised by June 5, round 4, by July 10, with the quarter-finals being played on July 24.

The semi-finals are on

August 12 and the final on August 26.

This year the secretary of the Australian Schools Soccer Federation is Kevin Peterson of Western Australia. The Federation will meet later in the year.

And its good news for

the primary schools.

Convenor Richard Larence advises that Blacktown Demons have made their ground available for the four-state Dunlop Trophy, which is the Australian Primary Schools Championship tourney.

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N.S.W. U14, 15, 16 YOUTH LEAGUE

Group 1	U14	U15	U16
Gladesville v Melita	2-1	5-0	1-0
Bankstown v Sydney Oly	1-1	2-1	0-1
St George v Polonia	3-0	5-0	2-1
Blacktown City v Illawarra	1-1	2-5	2-1
Croatia v Stn & Eastern	0-1	3-0	0-3
Baulkham H v Leichhardt	0-5	1-2	0-5

Group 2	U14	U15	U16
Nepean v Manly	0-1	2-2	1-5
Riverwood v Canterbury	1-2	0-1	2-3
Ku-ring-gai v Sutherland	1-0	1-4	0-4
Marconi v Central Coast	1-0	4-1	2-0
Avala v Southern Dist	3-1	1-0	2-4

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ROUND 6, SATURDAY, APRIL 18:

GROUP A

Gladesville H. v Stn & Estn	Jellicoe
Bankstown v Melita	Soccer Centre
St George v Sydney Olympic	Peakhurst
Blacktown City v Polonia	Gabbie Stadium
Illawarra v Leichhardt	Lambert Park
Baulkham Hills v Croatia	Ted Horwood

GROUP B

Nepean v Stn District	Cook Park
Riverwood v Manly	Cromer Park
Kuringai v Canterbury	Acron
Central Coast v Sutherland	Bates Drive
Blacktown Assn v Avala	Knight Park
Marconi - bye	

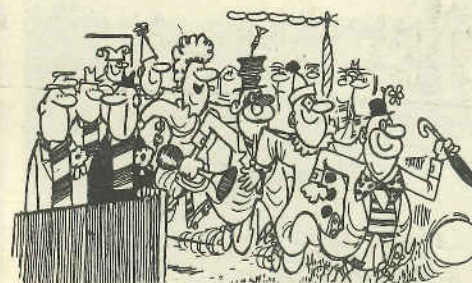
ROUND 7, MONDAY, APRIL 20:

GROUP A

Gladesville H. v Polonia	Chopin Park
Bankstown v Illawarra	Balgownie
St George v Blacktown City	Peakhurst
Sydney Olympic v Croatia	St Johns
Melita v Baulkham Hills	Everley Park
Stn & Estn v Leichhardt	Jellicoe

GROUP B

Nepean v Sutherland	Bates Drive
Riverwood v Marconi	Marconi Oval
Kuringai v Central Coast	Fagan
Canterbury v Avala	Knight Park
Blacktown Assn v Manly	Francis
Stn District - bye	



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BRUCE STOWELL COACHES CENTRAL COAST

Former NSW Rothmans Award winner Bruce Stowell is playing this year with leading NSW Central Coast club Umina.

Coupled with that, he is head coach of the Central Coast representative teams.

He has particular oversight of all representative coaches in the district, and keeps a particular eye on the developing talent in the U14, 15 and 16 years teams.

Umina is coached by former Pan Hellenic coach Bill Vrolyks.

Included in the side are young prospect Bruce Stowell, and also Paul Vrolyks, who played State League Soccer in Sydney some years ago.

Keith Edmonds is another prominent member of the Umina side.

Last year's winning club Wyong, is a strong unit again, as is the Wyoming

side.

Bruce Stowell and Bill Vrolyks were amongst the leaders at a recent meeting to establish a Central Coast Soccer Coaches Association.

Stowell said: "The potential is here in the Gosford district to have a major Soccer club."

"We have some great talent coming through the ranks."

"The trouble is that the boys cannot go to Sydney and Newcastle for training three nights a week, and we are lacking in a local club that they can aim for."

"I had hopes that we would be allowed into the NSW Eastern Division

Youth League.

"That is where our players would build up and we would then have something for the future."

"We will keep pressing until we find a place where we can grow."

Bruce Stowell now has his own business on the Central Coast, and he is taking a deal of time to foster the talented players with an eye on the future of the game.

Two particularly good prospects have gone from the district to Sydney and Newcastle.

Warren Haslem is with Sydney City and Darryl Slatyer is with Newcastle.

SAINTS' DAVID SKEEN WITH NATIONAL YOUTH TEAM



There have been many players who have moved on from the big St George District Soccer Association into senior football.

season, this 18 year-old became a regular in the St George lineup at full back.

It was a sudden rise for this youngster.

Born in Wollongong in 1962, David started his career at 15 in the Berkeley side, but was soon to move to St George.

He made his first appearance for the new club in 1978, but only last year made a break into first grade, a position he hopes to maintain this year.

He was recently in Israel with the Australian Youth team, but suffered an unfortunate injury which kept him out of the team till the last tournament game against Israel.

He followed up with three club games as well

as the friendly against Israel as a regular member of the team.

He is almost a definite starter in the team that will represent Australia in the World Youth Cup later this year.

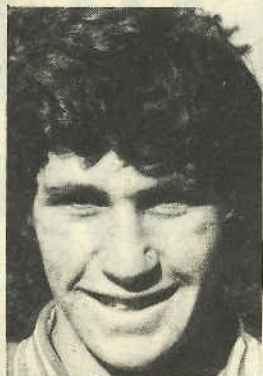
What does he think about his future?

"I am lucky to be associated with such a great club.

"They are youth orientated, and in the long run it will certainly reap rewards.

"Our effort last year should be remembered as a lesson for the future.

"Far too many changes were made during the year that kept the side off balance, so the inevitable happened, but I am sure that this year will be different.



DAVID SKEEN

"I hope to gain a place in the St George firsts and also to help Australia in its quest for the World Youth Cup later this year."

Stockily built, David is a hard tackler and is not afraid to venture forward pursuing the attacking line.

He is an outstanding prospect who should contribute to the rise of St George in the next few seasons.

Clarrie Roach says . . .

JUNIORS BENEFIT FROM SOUTHERN LEAGUE

The introduction of the NSW Southern League has had an immediate beneficial effect on the interest of young players throughout the area.

Clarrie Roach, president of the NSW Riverina Branch and the South West Slopes Soccer Football Association, attests to this.

Clarrie, in the fifties and sixties, was a player with Helensburgh and Thirroul Thistles and later a referee in the Illawarra district.

Since going on to the land at Young 10 years ago he has put much time into the development of the Soccer code, and he and a big band of workers are now seeing some fruits from their labours.

He told us: "For years youngsters from 15-17 have gone to all-age and perhaps had some inter-town Soccer.

"The new competition has immediately created interest.

"Youth players are country-orientated out here, and up until now their conclusion was that the best they could do ended at all-age.

"If they were good enough they could go and compete on a very strong city market.

"There have been quite a few that have got a fair go, but it means that families are broken up each time it happens.

"Now they have the chance to play semi-professionally in the country."

Three years down the line the opportunities should be much better again.

Clarrie Roach sees it this way: "They know of the Murray Barnes and Ken Bodens and Bas Giampaolos, but they are only names and they do not relate to them personally.

"In a couple of years as the locals improve they themselves will become known in their own towns as well-known players."

He believes the change had to come, and feels that the same situation will develop quickly in Western NSW as soon as the

message gets around.

South West Slopes club Cootamundra was formed by the selecting of the best players from each of the all-age clubs in the various adjacent towns.

Maybe they won't go near to winning the first Southern NSW League, but they will give a good account of themselves.

The various all-age teams from Cootamundra, Young, Harden, Temora and West Wyalong have not lost much by giving up players to the senior club.

In fact it has created a much more even competition.

And it looks as if there will be a 15 per cent increase in Soccer strength in the district this year.

Young has over 300 youngsters registered.

Tumut is joining for the first time with six junior teams.

Cootamundra has 15 junior teams. For juniors in the 7-8 years early grades there are half fields and small goals.

One of the reasons for Soccer sprouting up so well is that the country people, the parents, and the business houses are getting right behind the sport.

South West Slopes has quite a territory.

It runs from the southern side of Cowra out to West Wyalong, Junee, Tumut, Talbingo, Yass and Young.

The same Cootamundra story is evident out into the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area section of the Riverina.

And in Wagga, Goulburn and down to Albury.

In addition the Southern League will add more opportunities for the huge body of youth players in Canberra and the ACT.

Deakin Croatia, Downer Olympic and Belconnen should do particularly well, as they have licensed clubs behind them.

TWO CODES BATTLE FOR ONE GROUND

By Steve Burns

Soccer and Rugby Union clubs in Canberra are involved in a bitter wrangle over the use of one of the national capital's major suburban sporting ovals.

Such is the bitterness and ill-feeling within Kambah United Junior Soccer club that they threatened a sit-in on April 2 when the Tuggeranong Valley Junior Rugby club plays its first games of the season.

The dispute concerns the use of Kambah No 2 oval in Canberra's outlying satellite city, Tuggeranong.

Almost the whole population of Tuggeranong is involved and both Soccer and Rugby representatives are taking the dispute seriously.

Soccer had exclusive use of the oval last year and applied to use it again this year but Canberra's Department of Capital Territory allocated the majority of one of the ground to Rugby Union.

"It's a case of the minority telling the majority what to do," said president of Kambah United, Norm Oakley.

"We have six times the number of kids of Tuggeranong Valley Junior Rugby Union club. They have 40-plus youngsters registered — we have over 300.

"I'm not going to take this lying down".

Mr Oakley said at the meeting to allocate grounds he was stunned when Union got the greater use of No 2 oval — much against the wishes of his club because

of the numbers.

The decision meant his club lost the use of the oval on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings.

"We have used Kambah 2 oval for the past four years," Mr Oakley said.

"We have built up Soccer in the valley from five teams to 30 teams and now have 400 registered players — much more than Rugby. "But we're the ones told to split training and playing between two different ovals several streets apart with all of the additional supervision problems that imposes".

Mr Oakley said as a compromise, the Department had offered to convert two existing hockey pitches into Soccer pitches.

"That's a waste of public money."

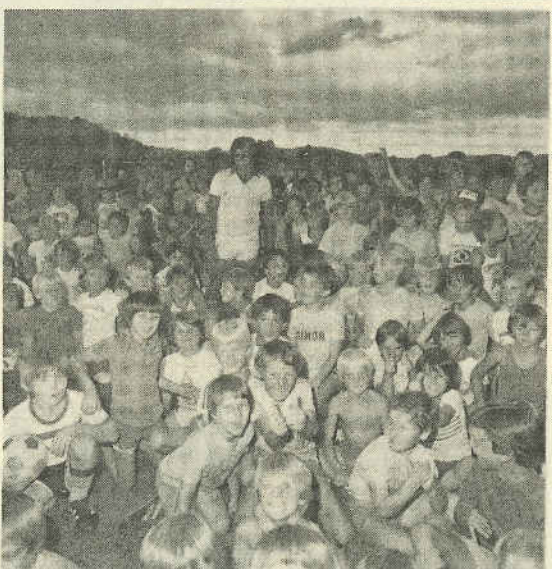
But secretary of Tuggeranong Valley Junior Rugby Union club, Charlie Shaw, says the problem is "petty".

"We feel cheated," Mr Oakley said.

"How else can we feel? We had the ovals, wanted to continue using them but a sport with a sixth of our playing strength was allocated their use.

"It's just not good enough."

Now the Department of the Capital Territory is playing the role of peacemaker.



Norm Oakley with some of the 300-plus juniors who make up the Kambah United Junior Soccer Club. (Picture Courtesy of Southern Standard Newspapers)

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS COMMENCE

The Metropolitan Catholic Schools Soccer competition opens this year with eight of the nine eligible schools competing.

This is an increase from the five schools that took part in the first year of competition.

Three schools now have up to Year 10 playing.

Those involved are Newman College Greystanes, Eastwood, Parramatta, Holy Cross Ryde, Liverpool, Fairfield, Auburn, Campbelltown and Dundas.

The Metropolitan Catholic Colleges competition is also getting under way with a good season in view.

NSW UNDER 10,
11, 12 AND 13
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JIM HERMISTON'S COACHING HINTS

Jim Hermiston, one of Australia's outstanding Soccer players, has supplied AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY with a series of illustrated coaching hints.

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LUCKY OVERHEAD KICK GAVE EAGLES POINTS

By Brad Earl

Melita Eagles christened their new Everley Park ground with an enterprising 2-1 win over Manly with a spectacular, but fluky overhead kick by Vic Gauci proving the winner.

Manly fought hard all afternoon, spraying the ball around extremely well, but so too did Melita, in what added up to an entertaining match for the 1,500 spectators.

The Eagles went into the lead after 17 minutes. Mike Berry worked the ball forward from the middle and, seeing Johnny Stoddart running through ahead of him, sent a pin-point ball over on to Stoddart's head, and he made no mistake in lobbing over the Manly goalkeeper stranded on the six-yard line.

Manly's pressure paid dividends when they drew back two minutes after the break. Bruce Doyle, who had moved up from defence, headed the ball over from the left for Stuart Regan to nod home from close-range, with Melita's keeper having to switch direction and only able to get his arm to the ball.

But it was a short-lived equaliser: four minutes later Wayne Parker worked the ball down Melita's right wing and centred. Vic Gauci, having his chance in first grade in Donny Allan's place, gathered the ball on the edge of the penalty area and booted it high over his head, a ball that tantalisingly dropped into the top right hand corner of the goal.

The game kept up at a lively pace, and Manly kept trying to salvage a point. They almost did that with a minute to go when young Greg Chapman found himself clear in the Melita area. His shot was blocked well by Greedy, and the ball rebounded, with Greedy again saving well to protect the lead, and ultimately preserve victory.

Both defences played well, and were notable in their forward running and the midfielders were equal to each other, but, in contrast to the scoreline, Manly looked superior in the forward line. Dudley Fox is benefitting tremendously alongside Stuart Regan, who is always buzzing around and is a constant threat.



Mike Berry

Vic Gauci was impressive in the Eagles' frontline and it would be good to see him and Don Allan forming a partnership, as, like Fox for Manly, he would benefit from playing alongside a player of Allan's class and ability.

This was the first game in charge of the Seaside's for new coach Mick Jones. "I'm disappointed. We should have come away with something, but how can you defend to an overhead kick?" he said.

"We created four or five clear-cut chances, more than Melita did, and I felt we should have at least got a point."

Vic Dalglish, Melita's coach, was happy, and said: "Two points is two points, and I don't mind how we get them as long as we get them!"

I thought Greg McCoy was impressive at right-back and could have had a goal at one stage if play had not stopped for a free-kick. Dalglish said: "Greg played well but he tended to leave the flank open at times when Fox came down the wing. Fox kept moving about from the wing to the centre, and Greg was caught out on his blind side sometimes. He did come forward very well and that's

what I want my defenders to do."

Terry Seacy had his first game of the season as a referee after a couple of years out of refereeing, and he controlled the match well and kept it flowing.

SAINTS DOWN TO EARTH

It seems St George have come back down to earth now after their first defeat of the season in the Ampol Cup, and they could only win 2-0 against Parramatta City, who must be given due credit for their fitness and determination.

Dez Marton scored the first goal in the 41st minute, after he had missed a few, and Dennis Duarte got the second with 20 minutes to go when he cut through from the right wing into the area to shoot.

Ironically it was Mike Fraser who starred, pulling off four excellent saves to keep Parra out.

CROATIA KEEP UP FORM

In a tough game, Croatia defeated Auburn 2-0, with Peter Hensman turning in a top game in the forward line.

Hensman provided the cross that gave Marcos Silva the first goal, and the second goal came from a Marin Kovacic penalty after good lead-up work from Hensman.

For Auburn, goalkeeper David Bowman and young full-back Darren McInerney had good games, but skipper Terry Bertram and Steve Leak had to go off injured.

BANKSTOWN HIT FIVE

Bankstown spun together some great attacking football to post a 5-1 vic-

tory over up-and-down Polonia.

Striker Brett Gilligan was superb, but the whole midfield and attack was in top gear for the game.

Gilligan got the first in the 33rd minute, then Polonia drew back with a penalty two minutes after the break.

But one minute later, Gilligan got his second, and another minute later, Bob Farthing scored. In the 84th minute Peter Rea scored and John Nocera picked up the fifth with one minute to go.

Rea's goal was particularly brilliant, when four players passed the ball on within 12 metres after looking up and realising they couldn't shoot.

RIVERWOOD KEEP GOING

Riverwood have now gathered seven out of a possible eight points from their last four games following their 3-2 victory over North Sydney, moving them into fifth position on the table.

They had gone 2-0 down early in the second half after two John Morsello goals, and their fight-back must give credit to the improvement in the side.

Andy Tracey (63rd minute), Billy Bulloch (68th) and Gavin Landon (75th) grabbed Riverwood's goals, but their star on the day was left-back Phil Mikas.

MONARO IN TOP FOUR

Inter-Monaro stay in the top four after a thrilling 3-3 draw with Canterbury, in which they salvaged a point with a penalty one minute from the end.

The Berries got the first goal in the 15th minute through Ross Brown, but Monaro pulled back through Ian Heywood six minutes later. After the break

Canterbury went 3-1 up when John Petas and Brown netted.

Heywood pulled another back in the 62nd minute, and Bobby Noble scored the equaliser from the penalty spot.

Late in the second half Monaro's Aldo Charles was sent off by referee Bob Mee.

SUTHERLAND - AVALA

The goalkeepers, Peter Ahrens for Avala and Mal Haynes for Sutherland, dominated the 0-0 draw in a tight game at Seymour Shaw.

For the Sharks, Steve Meades turned in another good performance, indicating he is well and truly on the way back to his brilliant best, but Jim Webber was sent off with 10 minutes to go.



MAL HAYNES

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Results of round seven:

CROATIA - AUBURN	2:0
Silva, M.Kovacic	
RIVERWOOD - NORTH SYDNEY	3:2
Tracey, Bulloch, Landon(R), Morsello 2(NS)	
MELITA EAGLES - MANLY	2:1
Stoddart, Gauci(ME), Regan(MW)	
SUTHERLAND - AVALA	0:0
BANKSTOWN - POLONIA	5:1
Gilligan 2, Farthing, Nocera, Rea(B), Garlowski(P)	
PARRAMATTA - ST GEORGE	0:2
Marton, Duarte	
INTER MONARO - CANTERBURY	3:3
Heywood 2, Noble(IM), Brown 2, Petas(C)	

LEAGUE TABLE

ST GEORGE	7	7	0	0	36:3	14
MELITA	7	6	0	1	24:5	12
CROATIA	6	6	0	0	14:4	12
INTER MONARO	6	3	2	2	11:11	8
RIVERWOOD	7	3	1	3	11:14	7
POLONIA	7	3	1	3	8:14	7
SUTHERLAND	6	2	2	2	4:5	6
AUBURN	7	3	0	4	5:12	6
AVALA	7	2	1	4	8:14	5
CANTERBURY	7	2	1	4	11:18	5
BANKSTOWN	7	2	0	5	9:13	4
MANLY	7	2	0	5	8:16	4
NORTH SYDNEY	6	1	0	5	7:13	2
PARRAMATTA	6	1	0	5	4:18	2



TOP SCORERS

11. Marton(SG)
9. Allan(ME)
7. Farrugia(ME)
6. Davies(SG), Heywood(IM)
5. Barton, Walker(SG), Brown(CM), Silva(Cr)
4. Fox(MW)
3. Karanfilovski, Samuels(A), Campbell(SG), Landon, Bulloch(R), Noble(IM), Morsello(NS)

Next week:

ST GEORGE - MONARO Saturday, St George
AUBURN - RIVERWOOD Saturday, Hurstville
POLONIA - CROATIA Sunday, Chopin Park
NORTH SYDNEY - MELITA Sunday, Everley
MANLY - SUTHERLAND Sunday, Cromer Park
AVALA - PARRAMATTA Sunday, Knight Park
C'BURY - BANKSTOWN Sunday, Arlington

DIV 1:				DIV 4:			
YUGAL - BATHURST	2-1			FAIRFIELD WEST - EASTWOOD	2-2		
KU-RING-GAI - REVESBY WORKERS	2-1			WEST ST GEORGE - CANLEY HEIGHTS	6-1		
NTH B'TOWN - WOLLONGONG UTD	4-1			REVESBY ROVERS - WEST HOLROYD	4-4		
WARRINGAH - GLADESVILLE	3-1			NORTH ROCKS - CONCORDIA	2-0		
UNI OF NSW - GUILDFORD	2-0			DIV 5:			
DIV 2:				GREEN VALLEY - HABERFIELD	1-0		
BAULKHAM HILLS - MARRICKVILLE	2-2			GLENQUARIE - HAWKESBURY	2-1		
LIVERPOOL - QUEENS PARK	2-1			DIV 6:			
BONNYRIGG EAGLES - RIVERSTONE	1-1			BLACKTOWN WAND - BANKSTOWN	4-2		
NORTH RYDE - GLADESVILLE HBY	2-0			ROBINS - LIVERPOOL	3-1		
DIV 3:				LIVERPOOL CITY - COLO COLO	3-2		
WENTY WARATAHS - SYDNEY UNI	1-0			STH SYDNEY DIST - L'POOL RANGERS	2-1		
PADSTOW PARK - EASTERN CREEK	4-0			HELLAN - BLACKTOWN WORKERS	2-2		
PADDINGTON - HURSTVILLE	1-1						

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1 CROATIA	N	3:1		1:0	4:2		2:0							
2 RIVERWOOD		S	0:4		3:2								2:3	
3 MELITA		1:3	W	3:0	2:1									8:0
4 SUTHERLAND			0:0	S	0:0							2:1		
5 AVALA		0:1	0:3		T						3:1			
6 MANLY			0:2			A				0:4	2:0			
7 NORTH SYDNEY							T			1:0	1:2			
8 AUBURN								E	1:0	0:5	2:0			
9 POLONIA							2:1		L	1:0	1:1			
10 CANTERBURY							2:3	3:0		E	1:9			
11 ST GEORGE						6:1	4:1	6:0		A				
12 MONARO					0:2	2:0	2:1	3:3		G				
13 BANKSTOWN			1:3	0:2	2:1		5:1				U			
14 PARRAMATTA								0:1	0:3	1:2	0:2		E	

SPOTLIGHT ON STATES

STONE DENIES
HE RESIGNED

By Brad Earl

"As far as I'm concerned, I was sacked."

That's Terry Stone's comment on his departure from Manly Warringah after only six NSW Coca-Cola League games this year.

Stone has been with Manly for three and a half years, initially with success as third grade coach, before moving up to first grade for the 1980 season.

The team had won only two out of the six games, against Canterbury and Bankstown, but two of the lost matches were against the powerful St George and Croatia teams.

"I was prepared to accept my departure as a 'resignation', but then I read in the local Manly paper where the message from the club was that I had virtually left them in the lurch by resigning, which wasn't the case at all," Stone said.

Jim Scane, Manly's president, was quoted in the 'Manly Daily' as saying "Terry's resignation was a surprise."

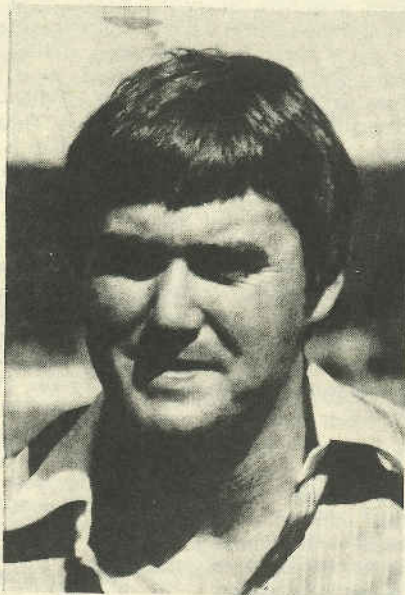
"It's silly hiding behind a facade: I was sacked," Stone said.

"There was a lot of pressure on me the week before the Riverwood game, and if we lost that one, I knew my position would be under review.

"And then I didn't get a thank-you from anyone for my three and a half years service until the president phoned me on Wednesday night."

There has been a degree of tension in the club and the playing squad this year, much more than in past years.

Initially, Stone was philosophical about his departure. "It's such a big part of your life and all of a sudden it's not there. But when you're coaching at that level you

TERRY STONE
"I WAS SACKED"

must accept it," he said.

"It's sort of funny when you've been thinking and working 24 hours a day, and now there's nothing.

"It's been great experience for me at Manly. The side has played very well, but has been struggling to find consistency over the 90 minutes.

"At the moment I'll just sit back and wait, and if anything comes along I'll certainly consider it."

MICK JONES
TAKES OVER

The new coach, Mick Jones, was with Blacktown City last year, steering the PSL newcomers well clear of the relegation zone and building a strong side.

He was ranked in the top ten coaches in the country last year by some judges.

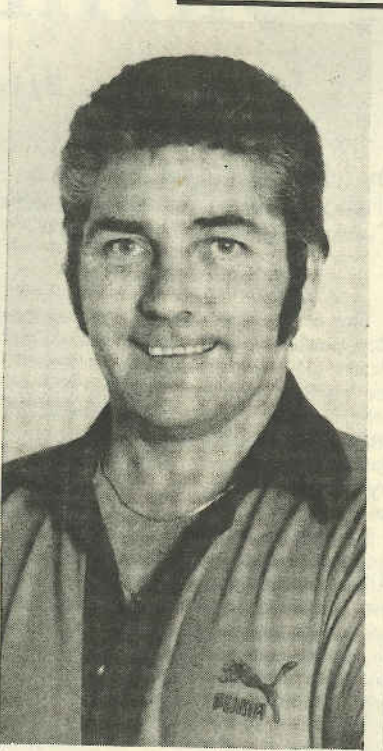
"I decided I didn't want to take a position this year and I'd take a year's break," Jones said. "But then the offer came from Manly and I decided to come back to coaching.

"I only live about a mile away from the ground, so it's nice and handy. I did coach Manly some years ago as well.

"Of course I hope to do well — we're going to get good results from here on in, and we'll be going out to win every game, not just save points."

As to the team, "a couple of positions could do with strengthening," was all Jones would say.

"Everyone coming to Cromer Park is going to respect Manly from now on."



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NSW AMPOL CUP SEMI-FINALS

SUTHERLAND KNOCKS
OUT SAINTS

By John Economos

Johnny Watkiss' young Sutherland side knocked out of the Ampol Cup the mighty, previously undefeated, St George, beating them 4-2 in the semi-final.

Saints, easily favourites to win the 1981 Ampol Cup, had to wait only 12 minutes to find out the Sutherland kids where here to get into the Cup Final when first, Greg Watkins then Tony Bush, scrambled hard in tussles with Saints keeper, Mike Fraser.

In the 24th minute, Sutherland were in for goal No 1. Sutherland's brilliant mobile linkman, Steven Meades, broke clear up front, knocked a lovely ball to Greg Watkins who made no mistake with his left-footed chip shot over the advancing Fraser.

Ten minutes later, Villi Kanacki missed an absolute sitter when his close range header from a Rylands cross-ball, went past the post on the wrong side.

But just three minutes from the break, Saints right-back, Steve McDonald, standing out wide on the right completely unmarked, blasted a shot into the Sutherland goal from 25 metres.

Five minutes after half-time, Sutherland went further ahead when Meades cut through the Saints' defence. Fraser, seeing the danger, came flying off his line to knock down Meades' shot, but was horrified to see Sutherland's Tony Bush racing up in support to smash in first time and finish the job.

Sutherland 2-1.

In the 54th minute, Saints were unlucky when Dez Marton smashed his free kick through the Sutherland wall only to see the shot hit the Sutherland post.

Saints' manager Frank Arok, in the 63rd minute, made a tactical change that theoretically was correct when he took off Peter Stone and replaced him with

the strapping striker, Barry Walker up front, changing the St George formation from 4-4-2 to 4-3-3. By doing this to add punch up front, he relinquished the midfield to Sutherland.

Four minutes later, Arok made his second forced change. Off came Campbell and on came Dennis Duarte up front. But the Sutherland midfield kept pouring through catching the St George back four square repeatedly. Experimental sweeper, Peter Terry, looked well out of his depth in his new role.

The best goal of the match came in the 71st minute when Jimmy Webber raced in at top speed to crash a lifting shot just under the bar.

A spectacular goal. The

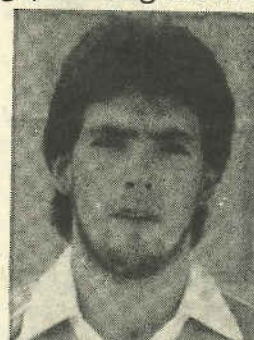


STEVE MEADES AND JIM WEBBER

whole Stadium was rocking with delight from the 4,128 strong crowd.

Four minutes later, Sutherland made it 4-1 when Paul Bush brilliantly set up the ever-alert Webber for his second goal of the match.

One minute from full



time, St George hit back with a goal from Walker after a solo effort.

In the Sutherland dressing room after the match, ex-Australian international, Johnny Watkiss, said; "I was pleased with all the boys tonight. Especially the midfield.

"I can't single out anyone in particular but Meades, Webber and Paul Bush did well. We beat St George at its own game, ATTACKING SOCCER."

Watkiss has something very special as a coach. He struts around the dressing room quietly, giving individual last-minute tactical instructions and pacifying his lads for the big event.

I spoke to Steve Meades after, and he said; "Watkiss is a top coach. Before this match, all the boys were very nervous, but he just sat us down and talked to us as if St George were no threat at all.

"His instructions were clear and simple so we all calmed down. We believe and trust him strongly. It's impossible to doubt the guy."

POLONIA
OUT THINKS
CROATIA

By John Economos

Cup Final favourites, Croatia, disappointed their body of supporters, when they bowed out of the 1981 Ampol Cup, going down 2-0 to Polonia, much older and slower opponents.

In the first half hour, everyone realised that Croatia was NOT going to click in this game: sparkle or enthusiasm was conspicuous by its absence from the Croatia side, and they looked generally flat.

About the only real moment of excitement, came in the 31st minute from Peter Hensman, who broke away down the left and veered infield to crack his shot hard and low but Polonia's ex-international keeper, Kalinowski, dropped well to smother the shot.

During the first half, the teams were equal but one was always suspicious that Polonia had the edge in intelligence and was likely to create danger.

At the break, the scoreline was 0-0, but in the 56th minute, Polonia was awarded a free-kick 25 metres out. From the kick, Galas smashed an unstoppable drive over the top of the wall to score high on the right. A superb goal.

Polonia 1-0.

In the 71st minute, Croatia made a double change to inject some life into their game, as Sterry and Juchniewicz came off and Czolonowski with Cootes came on, but that seemed to only aggravate the injury, as Polonia, one minute later, scored yet again.

This time, the big lanky striker, Lemanczyk cut clear away on the left and from 18 metres, let fly with a cracking left-foot shot that crashed just under the cross-bar. What a goal.

The crowd couldn't believe that the second favourite team for the Ampol Cup was dropping out.

NSW Federation officials also looked horrified as Croatia was expected to bring at least 6,000 to the Final.

After the match in the Croatia dressing room, I spoke to coach, Don Kapitanovi, a thorough professional, intelligent, gentle-

man of the highest quality, and he said; "We were just not ourselves. Everyone was flat and took Polonia very lightly."

Croatia's industrious captain, "Curly" Kovacic, was far more blunt: "We saw St George get tossed easily by Sutherland before we took the field. So we went out believing we had already won the Final and paid no attention to our immediate qualifying match.

"We were mentally too cocky and paid dearly for it.

In the Polonia dressing room, coach Tony Komoder, quietly was satisfied with the result, but is vitally concerned about some of his players.

He stated, "My new players are still unsettled here in Australia, and the transformation from full-time to part-time Soccer has been difficult for them. I need at least another 6 weeks with them before we all settle down and find fitness."

SPOTLIGHT ON STATES

GULLY'S COMEBACK

By Greg Blake.

Croydon City confirmed their status as potential league champions; Green Gully staged one of the biggest comebacks since Lazarus, and reigning champions Essendon werelucky to escape with a point at Altona City.

They are the major stories to come from the Victorian State League second round played last weekend after which Croydon City and Green Gully remain the only two teams with a 100% record and George Cross, under new coach Jim Adam, slump to the foot of the table without a point.

Croydon City outplayed a tough-tackling Frankston City team at Croydon Park to run out winners by three goals to one. Referee Stuart Mellings had a busy afternoon booking a reported five Frankston players as the Baysiders went about the task of trying to knock high-flying Croydon from their perch.

However Croydon were always in control and although Paul Wade came in for a torrid afternoon he set up the victory by scoring the

opening goal in the first half.

David Brogan and Ian Loughnane finished off the Baysiders with second half goals although one bright spot for Frankston would have been the good form of new signing Charlie Egan. Egan, who played and scored last week only five hours after stepping off the plane from Scotland, was on target again to score Frankston's only goal against the new league leaders.

Green Gully struggled before half-time in their match against Northcote City to go in at the interval a goal down complements of a John Nicholaides goal.

However coach Bobby McLachlan gave his charges a few home truths at half-time and the Green Gully diamonds, jaded in the first half, really sparkled in the second and scored a convincing 3-1 victory.

Gus McLeod sparked the revival with an equaliser and the big centre forward scored again with Billy Morrey adding the other whilst Kevin Wall scored a fourth only for it to be disallowed. Len McKendry's Essendon Croatia suffered another moral-

sapping result following their defeat at Croydon last week when they needed a late equaliser from Alan Kerr to save a point away at Altona City.

City, generally agreed to be the favourites for relegation, went a goal ahead before half-time through Billy Whyte but Kerr bobbed up to save a point for Croatia late in the match.

George Cross suffered their second defeat in succession, this time to Sunshine City, and newly-appointed coach Jim Adam sees his charges drop to the foot of the table.

Georgie had a fine opportunity to take the lead with the scores locked at 0-0 but Billy Wilkinson struck a soft penalty which was easily saved.

Five minutes later Sunshine took the lead through Mensink which they held for the remainder of the match.

Hakoah also made a comeback of sorts by scoring twice in the second half to share the points with Doveton in a 2-2 draw. Thurlow and Cherrie scored for Doveton as it seemed the Saints were about to

fall for the second week in a row but Bill Jordanou and Graham French netted in the second half to give Hakoah their first point of the season.

In the other game of the round Mudrinic scored a second half goal to give Sunshine City a 1-0 victory over Juventus at Gillan Oval.

RESULTS: Altona City 1 (Whyte), Essendon Croatia 1 (Kerr), Croydon City 3 (Brogan, Wade, I. Loughnane) Frankston City 1 (Egan), Doveton 2 (Thurlow, Cherrie), Hakoah St. Kilda 2 (Jordanou, French), George Cross 0 Ringwood City 1 (Mensink), Green Gully Ajax 3 (McLeod, Morrey) Northcote City 1 (Nicholaides), Brunswick United Juventus 0 Sunshine City 1 (Mudrinic).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croydon	2	2	0	0	7	3	4
Green Gully	2	2	0	0	4	2	4
Ringwood	2	1	1	0	2	1	3
Northcote	2	1	0	1	4	3	2
Doveton	2	0	2	0	3	3	2
Juventus	2	1	0	1	2	2	2
Sunshine	2	1	0	1	1	1	2
Frankston	2	1	0	1	2	3	2
Altona	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Essendon	2	0	1	1	3	5	1
Hakoah	2	0	1	1	2	5	1
George Cross	2	0	0	2	0	2	0

THERE'S NO STOPPING MT GRAVATT'S RUN

By Wally Bruce

Who can stop Mt. Gravatt? That is the poser in the Queensland State League, now that the Hawks have set up a commanding four points lead at the top.

Mt. Gravatt now have 11 points from a possible 12 and added another two with a 1-0 win over Wynnum at Dittmer Park.

Striker Craig Dickson, a late addition to the team this year, has scored in Mt. Gravatt's last three matches, and his winner in the 12th minute was the result of a Russell Stewart pass.

Below Mt. Gravatt, the other clubs continue to swap positions and Mareeba moved back into second place, with a 1-0 away win over Gold Coast City, their winner coming from State Youth team midfielder Ray Junna.

Townsville United, who spent a lot on players this year in a bid to capture the title, received another setback — this time going down 1-0 to Across the Waves in Bundaberg.

Waves were full value for their win and so was former Lions midfielder Eddie Spearritt, who was signed by coach Eddie Carrigan during the week.

Spearritt created the

opening in the 28th minute which set the consistent Gary Bromfield up for the winning goal.

Townsville, although they still have a match in hand, have now dropped out of the top four, and Grange Thistle, collecting their third home win from as many matches, are back in fourth spot.

Thistle defeated Eastern Suburbs 3-1, after Len Pollock and Kenny Gordon gave them a 2-0 lead after only 26 minutes.

The Tigers hit back just before half-time with a well-taken Phil Thompson goal but Thistle sealed the match right on full time with a Steve Dolan penalty.

The team capturing the attention at the moment is Rockhampton's Capricornia, who suffered some severe beatings in early rounds.

But Capricornia, under coach John Ward, bounced back to beat Mareeba away in the previous round, and this time followed up with a 1-0 win at home over Ipswich United.

Ipswich have made a sorry start to the season and this week are expected to sign Lions Youth squad member Calvin Daunt.

But in Rockhampton they had no reply to a Capricornia winner provided by Wayne Drury.

Grange Thistle 3 (Pollock, Gordon, Dolan) but Eastern Suburbs 1 (Thompson). Capricornia 1 (W. Drury) beat Ipswich United 0. Mt. Gravatt 1 (Dickson) beat Wynnum 0. Across the Waves 1 (Bromfield) beat Townsville United 0. Mareeba United 1 (Junna) beat Gold Coast City 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Mt Gravatt	6	5	1	0	14	11	11
Mareeba United	6	3	1	2	8	7	7
Across the Waves	6	3	1	2	13	9	6
Grange Thistle	6	3	1	2	13	9	6
Townsville United	5	3	1	1	6	4	6
Wynnum	6	2	1	3	9	7	5
Eastern Suburbs	5	2	1	2	8	9	5
Capricornia	6	2	1	3	7	22	5
Ipswich United	6	2	1	3	4	5	4
Gold Coast City	6	1	1	4	3	10	3

S.A. ROTHMANS LEAGUE

By Tom McKain

The South Australian Rothmans League kicks off on Saturday with an intriguing line-up, and a lot of questions hinging over the competition.

Each club has a massive question mark, because they all have different coaches from last year — and one has even changed its 1981 mentor before the season kicks off!

Croatia, 1980 champions, signed Peter Jaksa for the 1981 season but he departed after the Ampol Cup night series where Croatia lost to Adelaide City in the semi-finals.

Billy Birch, their coach last season, is now concentrating on the PSL Hawks, after splitting his talents for most of 1980, between the two teams.

As we went to press George McMillan, one of the most experienced coaches in the State, was about to come in out of the senior coaching wilderness to take over Croatia.

Para Hills, runner-up last year and Top Four Coca-Cola Cup champions, now have Ewan Douglas at the helm with last season's boss, Frank Schaper, now in charge of Azzurri, Jaksa's old team.

Cumberland, semi-finalists in the Ampol Cup

have player — coach Mike Ball taking over from Denis Harlow and Denis Grant, who have taken over Campbelltown.

The latter were under Bob D'Ottavi last year, and he is now with Adelaide Giants.

Elizabeth signed Brian Dooley who did a rescue job at the end of the season for Beograd, now in the hands of Zoran Matic, last year's right hand man for Rale Rasic at Giants.

The Polonia portfolio has gone to former star Eddie Typek, now content to let his son do the running on the Park for the club.

Port Adelaide have given their top spot to Simon Sparreboom, assistant to Neville Yeing in 1980.

Only First Division with veteran State player Terry Wetton holding his job after the promotion triumph.

The opening draw features five interesting matches.

First we have Croatia at Hume against Para Hills.

The pair met in the final round of 1980 when Croatia just pipped the district side

for the title.

Since then Para have lost several players to other clubs, while Croatia has had mixed fortunes in the summer series and, as we said, another change of coach.

Along with Cumberland the above pair have the advantage of having played in the Ampol series, for which only the top three in the league from last year qualified.

Cumberland is away to Azzurri.

The Foxes were the best of the Ampol State League clubs, but will find Azzurri well prepared for the winter league by Schaper, a meticulous taskmaster when it comes to preparation and discipline.

Azzurri could, for the first time in its history, be the big winner this season.

It has had name coaches and name players in previous seasons, but never won a title.

Beograd, surprise Federation Cup winners after just avoiding relegation, got a boost recently when they beat Croatia in the annual

Charity Shield match.

Matic will send his boys onto the field confident at home against Polonia, whose trial form has not been the best.

Noarlunga in its new First Division role, gets a break with a home draw, and being paired with Port, who have lost striker Jimmy Mitchell to Para Hills, and Con Kambas and Peter Boyle back to Hawks in the PSL.

Elizabeth, who promised so much then failed at the crunch are at home to Campbelltown.

Their last inspiring run came when Dooley was in charge, and they will be hoping his return can create the right atmosphere and technique to challenge for at least a top four place.

There have been few major signings by any of the clubs, and any new faces will come from the reserves and junior teams.

So it is a day for the "unknowns" and the unexpected.

Only a brave punter would place their shirt on any of the teams at this stage.

GOAL RIOT IN NORTHERN NSW

By Ian Smith

In a round of high scoring the five N.N.S.W. State League matches produced 26 goals as Edgeworth stormed to the lead with a shock 5-0 win over Twin Towns. The shock was the margin, as Twins Towns had won 6-0 the previous week.

The striking power of Ray Bowles (2) and Chris Beatty (1) when added to the midfield brilliance of John Georgeff (1) was too much for the visitors and, though they never stopped trying, on the day they were outclassed.

Saturday matches saw Belmont-Swansea rock Adamstown in the first half with goals from Harrower and Forbes. However, coach Keith Anderson chose his words well at half-time and Adamstown bounced back to register a 6-2 victory.

Weston's close win pointed out their lack of striking power as they struggled to overcome an inexperienced Wallsend side, who were inspired by captain-coach Jim Foley and several times came close to snatching a draw before going under by the narrowest of margins to a J.T. Turnbull goal.

Frank McKay and Stewart Gray, with a brace of goals each, spurred

Stewarts & Lloyds to their second high scoring victory as they inflicted yet another thrashing to Armidale, who now languish at the foot of the table.

TAMWORTH SETBACK

Coffs Harbour sprang the surprise of the second round as Miner (2), Northcote and Cook scored for the Banana Republic against the highly-fancied Tamworth combination, who could only net through

the prolific Allwell and Hartley.

This weekend on Saturday, the Wallsend v Adamstown match could finish in a low scoring draw whilst Sunday's matches should see plenty of goals as Stewarts & Lloyds gain victory over Tamworth and Edgeworth bring back the spoils from their Armidale trip.

Easter Monday should be a possible day for tourists as Weston fly to the border for their Twin Towns match and Coffs venture south for their match against Belmont-Swansea.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Edgeworth	2	2	0	0	7	0	4
Stewarts & Lloyds	2	2	0	0	9	3	4
Weston	2	2	0	0	4	2	4
Twin Towns	2	1	0	1	6	5	2
Adamstown	2	1	0	1	6	5	2
Tamworth	2	1	0	1	5	4	2
Coffs Harbour	2	1	0	1	6	6	2
Wallsend	2	0	0	2	0	3	0
Belmont-Swansea	2	0	0	2	4	9	0
Armidale	2	0	0	2	1	11	0

SPOTLIGHT ON STATES

THE ILLAWARRA SCENE

By Phil Murphy

It's nice to see good relations between Wollongong and the Illawarra Association.

Corrimal committee man and district points registrar Peter Dent is getting around in his Wollongong Wolves supporters' T-shirt and doesn't miss a home game.

In addition, City coach Ken Morton and secretary Richard Drake recently attended a referees' night to talk about how their club operates and answer questions.

This type of thing can only benefit Soccer as a whole on the South Coast.

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Former Safeway United full-back Garant Roberts is still going strong but these days he is with the newly-formed Shoalhaven City club in Nowra.

The club is this year playing in the Illawarra premier league and recorded its first win, recently, accounting for Cringila 2-1 away from home.

The Shoalhaven area is a growing Soccer territory and there are hundreds of juniors coming up.

Officials there realised they had to improve their senior standard so they made the big step in to Wollongong with their three grades.

It means a lot of travelling but the boys from Nowra are as keen as mustard to make an impression in Wollongong.

★ ★ ★

Fernhill have talented midfielder Neil McCracken back in action again after he retired at the end of last season. While most players retire because they discover girls, cars, surfboards or all three, McCracken had the unusual reason of quarter-horses.

It seems he is tied up in the breeding of quarter-horses and wanted to devote more time to that.

Now the lure of Soccer has become too great and coach Daryl Glover welcomed him back with open arms.

Bulli coach Tony McDonald doesn't have to worry about having someone to talk to his younger players — he has Steve Hammersley.

The experienced Hammersley is proving a big asset to McDonald this season and is playing as well as ever.

Hammersley has always been known as a "talker" on the field and has gained a reputation among other clubs.

As one coach said while watching his team play Bulli recently: "He would talk under water with a tennis ball in his mouth."

Hammersley doesn't care what they say so long as the Bulli side can keep picking up points.

★ ★ ★

"Last season it was Fairy Meadow, now it's Coniston they all want to beat" — that's how coach Robert Fryer summed up his team's prospects for the season.

After signing some top players Coniston are favourites for the premier league but lost 2-0 to Fernhill in their second game.

Fernhill scored both goals in the first 11 minutes to pull off their shock win.

Fryer said it is unfortunate but every game will be a grand final for his team this season.

"The players will find out just what pressure is all about," he said.

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Coniston are the new holders of the Illawarra Charity Shield after beating Tarrawanna 4-2.

It was something of a mix-up this season because last year's premiers Fairy Meadow have gone to Sydney and their scheduled opponents in the Charity Shield were West Figtree.

With West Figtree relegated, ISA officials had to look for another two teams and the logical replacements were Coniston and Tarrawanna.

The Shield was decided because the teams had to meet in the first round of the premiership anyway.

OPENING NEEDED FOR CENTRAL COAST

By Keith Gilmour

Central Coast club, Doyalson R.S.L., showed up well in the trials this year and has high hopes of a good season in Northern NSW.

They gained trail wins over both Adamstown and Belmont-Swansea, both of whom have Northern NSW State League rating.

One real gain this year is Ken Harrison, an Englishman who played non-league football in the Manchester area before coming to Australia.

Doyalson club official Graham Bird said that the club has hoped of reaching State League status in Northern NSW.

"It is a big project and we are approaching it warily. We will see what comes out of it."

"We could draw on the surrounding Central Coast districts for our support."

"In particular Mannering Park, Lake Munmorah, Budgewoi, Charmhaven, Buff Point, Wyee and Morisset are very close to us," he said.

It seems that the north end of the Central Coast is inclined to gravitate towards Newcastle, and Gosford/Woy Woy to Sydney.

Given the example of Newcastle, Wollongong, Canberra, Gold Coast, Townville, Albury, Wagga, Albury, Goulburn, etc, it seems a shame that ways cannot yet be found through

the administrative morass to get a major club on the go.

Any level lower than the best will not provide what the youth of this huge and growing district needs.

Central Coast coach Bruce Stowell says: "We have not really gone to the market to see what sponsorship we can raise because we cannot yet find a way to get into high class Soccer in Sydney."

"There is not much doubt that a very good sponsorship deal could be negotiated as soon as we show that we have an opening."

ACT LEAGUE STARTS

By Steve Burns

Canberra Soccer has kicked off to a big start with all of its Southern League representatives showing great strength and newcomers emerging as threats for the ACT first division premiership.

The level of interest in the new Southern League was best indicated from the Croatia-Deakin Wagga United game.

Over 600 people attended to see Croatia crush Wagga 9-0.

Croatia, however, have spent big in building its side. It has also appointed Vic Fernandez as its new coach.

The side is predominantly young, many of them ex-Canberra Arrows youngsters, and Croatia — like Juventus and Downer Olympic and Belconnen — has taken a professional approach to the new

League.

The same, perhaps, cannot be said for much of the opposition.

Yet even if the gaps are big in the first year it rarely takes long for them to even out.

Toughest of the weekend games in Canberra was that between Juventus and Downer Olympic which ended in a 2-2 draw. But the one that caused the biggest upset was Belconnen's 2-1 win over Albury Hotspurs. Many people, who had seen Albury's form in the John Barclay Memorial Cup tournament, expected them to

win — comfortably.

Belconnen, too, however, have improved remarkably.

At the first division level new club Luso continued to show their strength with a fighting, clearcut 4-1 win over Canberra North while Narrabundah downed last year's runaway second division premiers, Polonia, 2-0.

Other results were Canberra Utd 7 defeated Weston Creek 1; Concordia Phillip 0 lost to Kambah Utd 9; RMC 3 drew with Croatia Deakin 3 and Belconnen Utd 2 defeated AUN 0.

A DROP OF SCOTCH



Fairy Meadow players Richard Pic (second left) and Steve Langford flank Famous Grouse representative Dennis Hill during the sponsorship announcement at Fraternity Club.

BY Phil Murphy

Illawarra club Fairy Meadow have received a \$6000-plus sponsorship from Famous Grouse in their bid to make the Coca-Cola State League.

Fairy Meadow already have the backing of the powerful Fraternity Bowling Club and the latest sponsorship will help them retain their high spot in the Sydney first division.

Area manager for Famous Grouse Dennis Hill handed over the cheque at a function held at Fraternity recently.

He said the club has proved it has plenty of foresight plus the will to do bigger and better things.

"We want to help them achieve their aims and suggest they come back to us next season for further assistance," Hill said.

"Soccer seems to be booming in Wollongong and we are proud to be part of that boom."

Hill said it is the first time his company have sponsored a club in any sport in the Illawarra area.

Fairy Meadow secretary Walter Chichkan said the association with Famous Grouse should be of benefit to both parties.

"We already have their name on our shirts and they will also have advertising on our ground," he said.

"This could develop into bigger and better things in the future and we may even come to the stage where we are looking at having two PSL teams in the region."

Fairy Meadow have made an impressive start to their first division career and are scoring plenty of goals.

For their recent "derby" clash with Wollongong United, there were 3000 people at the Police Boys Oval.

Coach Hugh Tinney has plenty of depth to work with after some good off-season signings and he is confident of gaining promotion.

"Our only problem could have been lack of depth, but I feel we have allowed for this with our signings," he said.

"It is a long, hard competition and the team with players to bring up will eventually win through."

CROYDON'S DRIVE

By Greg Blake

Croydon City have a tremendous opportunity to continue their drive toward their first ever State League Championship when they meet struggling Altona City at Kim Reserve in the third round of the competition this Sunday.

Croydon started the season on a bright note with a startling 4-2 win over Croatia and their pre-season boast of having a side capable of challenging for the league seems to be coming true.

For Altona, however, things are far from bright with little or no chance of even escaping the drop back into Division One.

Croydon could not have asked for an easier game to keep up the impetus of their good start but to drop a point here could be a damaging blow to moral, although they should win easily.

David Brogan (recently the subject of a transfer bid from PSL club Footscray), Ian Loughnane and his brother Peter should have a field day against Altona but they must not take them too lightly, especially away from home.

Sunshine City will also have

a battle on their hands when they play host to reigning champions Essendon Croatia at Chaplin Reserve. The new Croatia regime under Len McKendry is bound to begin hitting top form sometime and when they do the Sunshine's and the likes will sink without a trace.

However so far Croatia have yet to reproduce the form we know them capable of and this could mean Sunday's game will be closer than expected.

Indeed if Sunshine are to steer clear of the relegation zone this year they will be relying heavily on their defence to keep them out of trouble and although the everything points in Croatia's favour for Sunday don't be surprised to see the honours shared.

Brunswick Juventus go to Northcote City and they too could struggle. Northcote went to the top of the table after

round one by thrashing Hakoah 3-0 at home and have shown they will be no "bunnies" in season 1981.

Green Gully face a test away at Doveton but should come through unscathed if the McLeod, Morrey and Wall partnership up front hits form.

Selwyn Park is the venue for what seems to be the match of the day between George Cross and Hakoah St Kilda. I say should be because Hakoah have started the season with a whimper and unless they play up to what we know they are capable of Georgie will walk all over them.

It could be one of the best games of the season but unless Hakoah hit form they could go down.

In the final match of the round Frankston City travel away to Ringwood City where the home side should take full points.

AUSTRALIAN CHIT-CHAT

A warning to PSL teams visiting Brisbane in future. Local referees have informed their southern counterparts that they will no longer tolerate foul language, similar to that exhibited during the visit by Preston recently, which a linesman described as the worst he had ever heard during his career. Offenders will be shown the red card very smartly from now on.

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Good news for Wollongong Wolves is that full-back Tony Dickinson is back training.

Dickinson had a pin inserted in an ankle injury he suffered against Heidelberg in Melbourne and doctors told him he could be out for the season.

He has now been told the injury has healed a lot faster than expected and it won't be long before he is again available for selection.

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Wollongong Wolves officials are preparing for their biggest game of the season on Sunday week.

They will be home to Preston and the Macedonian community of Wollongong will be out in full force.

Wollongong United, in the Sydney first division, has a strong Macedonian following and regularly draws up to 2,500 fans.

The big question is who will the Wollongong-based Macedonians barrack for?

Preston coach Brian Edgley will be making a return to Wollongong as he was formerly player-coach with Balgownie.

★ ★ ★

It's a standard joke at Soccer grounds when cars are blocking traffic and the numbers are read out that they belong to the players (or the referee), but it was TWO players who were at fault in a recent NSW State League match.

Fifteen minutes into the Canterbury - St George game and two numbers were read out. John Lane of Canterbury, sitting on the bench, huddled the fence to move his car, while Berries' keeper Alex McPherson had to shout to an official to tell him where his keys were!

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Wollongong Wolves hope to have a week in Singapore at the end of the season.

Secretary Richard Drake is negotiating with the Singapore Football Association to play at least one game in their national Stadium.

The trip will probably take place just after the PSL season ends and the Wolves could take a few supporters along.

Malaysian Airlines have shown interest in providing a special deal for supporters who want to go away with the team.

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MIKE HILL, one of the 0-28 Philips Top Soccer TV match presenters, believes that the Soccer programs presented on the network already are far ahead of anything produced in the past.

"At present, cameramen are getting used to getting the best from every game and we are becoming more professional generally. It is a gradual process, and I would appeal to the Soccer public to get right behind us and for all media to appreciate what is going on.

If this happens then Soccer is going to have a great asset for the future," Mike said.



MIKE O'SHEA

Soccer crazy Canberra 14-year-old Peter Desmond wasn't his usual self in Canberra's Calvary Hospital last weekend. He'd broken his tibia and was about to have it pinned.

But half an hour later he was his old cheerful self. Unexpectedly, out of the blue Canberra Arrows' heroes — the three O'Sheas, Michael, John and Robert — had paid him a visit as had assistant coach Stuart Davlin.

"It was great — I'll never forget it," said young Peter as he watched his heroes in Action against Sydney Olympians.

Just a piece of unheralded public relations that for once can be recorded. Congratulations to the players and coach concerned.

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Justin Fashanu to return to Adelaide City Giants for another guest spell?

The club is saying nothing, but we understand a group of supporters who became close friends with the big English striker last season has offered to foot the bill for another guest stint. Fashanu has relations in Adelaide and from all reports is keen to make the trip and play.

Rale Rasic who was with Giants last season and made the deal with Norwich for guest game, is also interested in tempting him to Blacktown.

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Ian McGregor of Hawks is feeling better after the operation on muscles next to both shin bones.

His legs had been giving out on him under pressure training, and when rest didn't help the specialists decide to release the tension with a minor operation.

He was in and out of hospital within 24 hours, and with a bit of luck will be at full training stretch within the next couple of weeks and back on the field within another four.

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No wonder Giants' Bobby Russell just about jumped into the stand at Olympic Sports Field when he scored the opening goal against Newcastle the other week.

It was the first time the full-back powerhouse had netted in two and a half years.

Before joining Adelaide City he had scored regularly at corners and free kicks for Sydney Croatia.

His effort against Newcastle climaxed a solo overlap and a one-two before he crashed the ball home.



BOBBY RUSSELL

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Former English first division player, Eddie Spearritt, is likely to switch to Queensland's State League with Bundaberg club Across The Waves. Spearritt, who played more than 300 matches with Ipswich, Carlisle and Brighton, represented Brisbane Lions from 1977 to the middle of last season in 59 matches, scoring seven goals. He has been playing with Lions' Reserves this year.

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Preston expect to have Alan Whittle available in a week's time. After 182 First Division games with Everton and Crystal Palace, he has lately been with Orient and Bournemouth. Whilst Bournemouth are not a fashionable side, they have been able to pull out of a rut largely due to Whittle's ability.

If there is a more difficult set of player numbers to read than those of West Adelaide, ASW hopes it never comes across them. The red letters over blue-and-white stripes are an abomination. Surely a club aiming to merchandise itself in Adelaide and the major cities of Australia can do better. What is needed is to break off the blue stripes to allow the red numbers pride of place on a white ground. How long...

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Marconi utility man Ken Lindsay's right leg is coming out of plaster, so Ken is hoping to see the day he is playing again. Unluckily, he is used to the problem. Last time it was the left leg.

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Marconi striker and Young Socceroo striker Ian Hunter could be trying out his leg in the youth team within a couple of weeks. His ability is needed for the Young Socceroos as well as for the club.

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Ian Stone, once a Socceroo squad member, has taken the final step to Soccer obscurity by retiring at the tender age of 24. Transfer-listed by Northern NSW State League club Weston after personality problems with the coach, Stone decided to quit altogether and so a \$3,500 investment went virtually untapped.

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Northern NSW Federation are full of money-raising ideas this year and one that has already got off the ground is an art union with a trip for two to the F.A. Cup final as the major prize. Value of the trip is \$4,000 and tickets are on sale at \$5. Charlestown Travel are the firm backers of the Federation on this one.

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Surprise of the first round Northern NSW State League was the 6-0 victory of new club Twin Towns (Coolangatta - Tweed Heads) over Armidale. Armidale are noted for their fighting spirit and ability to score goals even when they lose, so the signs look good for the new club.

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Newcastle's left-side player Ian Buckley had only just acclimatised when it was found that he had developed a cartilage problem. It looks like three months on the sidelines.

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Whatever you say about the Sydney Olympians supporters, you can never question their enthusiasm.

When the Socceroos played a practice match at Pratten Park against Olympians last week, about 2,000 spectators turned up — and that's a crowd many Philips League matches cannot attract.

To round off a great night for Olympians, they beat the Australian team 1-0, with a goal from Roy Cotton.

Olympians official John Thomson said: "The fans went wild — you'd have thought their team had won the European Cup."

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Wollongong strapper Scotty Boyle set some kind of record in the Youth game against Leichhardt — he was given a yellow card.

The referee refused to let him on the field to treat a player who was on the ground injured.

After play had moved around a bit Boyle decided he should make a dash for it and was treating the player when the ref spotted him.

Because he had red shorts and a white shirt, the referee thought he was a reserve player and took out the yellow card.

The crowd of around 6,000 realised what was happening and was amused by the whole thing.

When he asked the strapper his name and received no reply, the referee tried the Press table and the Wollongong bench.

He finally was told the intruder was the masseur and looked very embarrassed as he wrote a report in his little back book.

So... referees are human after all.

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Wolves goalkeeper Natch Vardareff had his first chance to impress in the PSL in the recent game against Leichhardt.

He went on after just 19 minutes after regular keeper Jim Preston was injured, and didn't let the side down.

The former Illawarra junior played with Wollongong United last season and has plenty of ability.

He has worked hard on his game since joining the Wollongong Wolves squad and it showed in the game against Leichhardt.

Vardareff is on the tall side but his work on the ground was very good.



Natch Vardareff



READERS' FORUM

In this spot every week, we shall publish extracts from readers' letters — good or bad! If you want your opinions aired, please keep letters and postcards short and to the point.

Write to The Editor, AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, 261 Broadway, NSW 2007.

In order to play the offside RULE, NOT TRAP, a defence must be fit, fast, intelligent, have the ability to read play, and the very rare gift of being able to move forward very swiftly in unison.

It is more difficult for a defence to play the offside RULE, not TRAP, than it is for a forward line to overcome the offside RULE, not TRAP.

On Sunday, April 5th, I witnessed a Sydney Olympians forward/striker spending a lot of time in the Canberra Arrows penalty area. He retained possession of the ball until his fellow forwards could join him. Should he be penalised for wasting time? I think not! He was using his brain!

Good luck to Rale Rasic, and to T. Doc.

Best wishes from

Robin Hood
A Narrow Supporter from
Circle City (Canberra)

PS: Peter Katholos was 10 out of 10 (the number on his shirt).

I was interested to read the scathing remarks made about Rale Rasic following the Wollongong v Blacktown match in the PSL.

It seems Rasic is attacked much more often than he deserves. If a coach designs tactics aimed at preventing an opponent from scoring, surely the other team's coach must prove himself smart enough to beat those tactics. Ken Morton couldn't.

When some of these "new" coaches have done as much for Australian Soccer as Rasic, they will then be entitled to criticise the man who took the Socceroos to Germany and the 1974 World Cup.

W. Englefield
Ryde, NSW

I am a "Straight Shooting" regular reader and there is no doubt that Mike Mystakidis is 100 per cent right in the column published on the 10-3-81 in the A.S.W. that we need some stars in Soccer like Dennis Lillee, Bjorn Borg, and the last bit in the column which says: Here is a good question for our hundreds of coaches: CAN they produce our Maradona?

What a coincidence. I know you wouldn't believe it but it's true. There is an Aussie Maradona in Sydney and the coach who produced him is Frank Arok from St George B.S.C.

He plays for the third grade and sometimes in the second grade. I believe that Frank Arok saw the youngster when he was playing Inter-district and so he moved him up. As a matter of fact, we the fans go especially early to watch him and we all call him Maradona!

This was happening before you wrote in the A.S.W. about producing our Maradona. It all started since the beginning of the State League competition this year!

I heard that Frank Arok is working very hard on him and that he'll have him ready for the first grade next year even if they are admitted in the PSL.

I also heard that he has been offered trial games in England with three clubs, two of them are the wealthiest in the world, but his father, who is continental and looks after his interest, refused to let him go for the time being.

I believe his training sessions are as follows:

- a) Twice a week two hours each with 3rd grade
- b) Three times a week two hours each with Frank Arok
- c) He gets up at 5.30 am three times a week to do his own training one and a half hours each
- d) He has been advised by Frank Arok that he has to build up his body, so seven days a week for half an hour each morning he uses weights and the Bullworker.

So if you add it all up, it amounts that he is training for 18 solid hours weekly, plus a weekly match, plus he has obligations towards his school as well.

I know it very well you won't believe it but it's true — come and see for yourself, you will be the judge.

Maradona's fan,
Sydney

EDITOR'S NOTE: His name is Nicky Papas, one of the youngest players in the St George squad, turning 16 in a couple of months. Saints coach Frank Arok confirmed that he is a very good and determined young player. "He is very fast and hard."

"He is one of those kids who is Soccer-mad. I may give him a few minutes in first grade soon to show my appreciation. He is one of the most determined players in the club."



Coke adds life to Soccer

PUZZLE — FIND THE WINGERS

As in Sir Alf Ramsey's day, England is now fielding an international side of "wingless wonders".

Since last year's European Championship, where England flopped, 25 players have been selected by manager Ron Greenwood.

Only two of those players have been genuine wingers, Laurie Cunningham and Peter Barnes. But Barnes and Cunningham have appeared only briefly as substitutes.

BIG TWO WERE "CONVERTED"

Soccer's gain was Rugby Union's loss in the case of Ipswich Town's talented central defenders, Terry Butcher and Russell Osman.

Just six years ago, they were Rugby halves in Grammar School matches.

Soccer was just a game for a Sunday kick-about with their mates.

Then, the pair had trials with Ipswich Town and started a partnership which has seen them playing together in more than 150 matches.

They first played together for England at the Sydney Cricket Ground last year, although neither player regarded that as a genuine "A" international match.

Both said they considered their appearance against Spain at Wembley a couple of weeks ago as their first real test for England.

John Wark of Ipswich Town and Scotland must be the deadliest midfield goalscorer in football.

His goal for Scotland against Northern Ireland was his 33rd of the season, a remarkable effort from a man who admits his best position is just in front of the back-four.

Wark started his career as a centre-half. At 23, he plays with the enthusiasm of a teenager and admits: "I'm amazed that I've scored so many goals! In European games, I usually have a marking role."

Ipswich encourage Wark to go forward to get goals from spaces created up front by Paul Mariner and Alan Brazil who wander to the wings.

With his goalscoring ability, plus the marksmanship of Steve Archibald and Kenny Dalglish, Scotland should have



JOHN WARK

plenty of fire-power on April 28 when they play their World Cup game against Israel in Glasgow.



U.K. SOCCER SCENE

HOWE'S PROBLEM — SECURITY OR ...?

Don Howe faces a tough decision about his future. He can stay on with Arsenal by signing a new contract at the end of the season as club coach. Or he can move up the ladder by accepting one of several managerial jobs offered to him.

Arsenal offers security for life. Managing a club offers anything but security.

Howe said: "I'm torn between staying with a great club or attempting to be top man again. I am certain Arsenal have a successful future, but I have the feel-

ing I am just not fulfilled at the moment.

"I realise I am rated one of the top coaches in the country but I'm plagued by the thought that this is not enough. I am finding it increasingly difficult to ignore my desire to take over a manager's chair."

Terry Venables, QPR boss, has ended his association with a promotions company he founded to handle players commercial interests.

There has been an investigation of the company by the Daily Star newspaper. The company, Chris McCann Management, (Venables wife's maiden name), has sparked plenty of controversy in the Crystal Palace club, where Venables used to be team manager.

When players were transferred, it was not surprising that — if they were on Chris McCann's books — there was sinister talk of Terry Venables having conflicting interests.

Venables, who was offered a lot of money to coach Australia's World Cup team before Rudi Gutendorf was appointed, stated last week: "I've done nothing wrong."



TERRY BUTCHER... RUGBY "LOSS"

PRAISE FOR POWER

"Paul Power has added so much maturity to his game this season. The way he moved into position to score City's third goal against Everton (F.A. Cup quarter-final replay) reminded me of Colin Bell at his best — and that is a true reflection of just how much the City skipper has improved." Quote from Dennis Tueart on his Manchester City team-mate Paul Power, (27) who was given his first international call-up for the "B" international for England against Spain.

Larry Lloyd has taken over the job as player-manager of Wigan, with one major problem staring him in the face: goals, or rather the lack of them!

"I was very disappointed with our stuff up front and it's up to me to do something about it. But most teams in the country are looking for players to put the ball in the net," Lloyd said after his first game in charge, a 1-0 loss to Rochdale.

PUNTERS ANGRY

Pools punters complain bitterly that, with so many English clubs switching to Sunday play, they're getting a raw deal.

Sunday games are "void" on the coupons. They are worth only 1½ points.

But many figure in people's selections because a lot of Pools punters fill in their coupons many weeks in advance... before games have been switched from the traditional Saturday.

CATON STEPS DOWN

Manchester City boss John Bond dropped Tommy Caton from the first team recently to allow him to step back into the junior ranks to fulfil a personal ambition.

The Blues reached the semi-finals of the F.A. Youth Cup, as well as the F.A. Cup, and Caton was released to try and make it third time lucky.

He had played in two successive F.A. Youth Cup finals, finishing on the losing side each time.

BORO FIND NEW STAR

Craig Johnston wasn't the only Middlesbrough midfielder sought after by top clubs.

Mark Procter (20) is rated the most talented young player at Ayresome Park, better even than Johnston.

Nottingham Forest and Wolves are both keen to give Boro a huge transfer fee for Procter but the North-East club doesn't want to sell both Johnston and Procter.

Money talks, however, and it's doubtful if Middlesbrough will be able to afford the wages Procter will want when his contract expires soon.

Everton will build 10 executive boxes at their Goodison Park ground during the close season as part of a \$600,000 facelift for the ground.

UK SOCCER

ENGLISH DIV 1										
P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	P	W	D	L
Aston Villa	37	14	3	1	34	11	10	4	5	3
Ipswich	36	14	4	0	42	9	7	6	5	29
W.B.A.	38	13	4	2	34	12	9	7	19	25
Southampton	38	15	3	2	46	21	4	5	9	24
Liverpool	36	12	5	1	37	13	3	10	5	21
Notfm	38	14	2	3	42	9	7	6	5	29
Arsenal	38	11	8	0	31	15	3	9	7	15
Man Utd	38	11	8	0	31	15	4	7	8	20
Tottenham	37	9	8	2	41	27	6	5	8	23
Leeds Utd	38	10	3	6	19	19	5	5	8	18
Birmingham	38	11	4	4	31	20	2	7	10	18
Stoke	38	7	8	4	27	20	3	8	17	35
Middlesbrough	37	13	4	1	35	12	2	1	15	14
Man City	37	9	6	4	31	23	4	1	11	16
Everton	37	9	6	4	31	23	5	2	11	15
Wolves	36	10	1	6	28	15	2	7	10	15
Sunderland	38	9	4	6	28	17	3	3	13	18
Coventry	38	8	5	6	28	18	3	3	13	17
Nottingham	38	8	7	4	31	12	3	0	16	12
Brighton	38	6	3	8	26	25	2	4	13	19
Leicester	38	6	4	9	17	21	5	1	13	16
Crystal Pal	38	6	4	9	31	31	0	2	17	12
ENGLISH DIV 2										
P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	P	W	D	L
West Ham	37	17	1	1	49	12	7	8	3	23
Notts Cnly	37	17	2	2	23	13	6	9	7	17
Blackburn	37	11	7	1	25	7	3	8	7	13
Swansea	37	11	3	4	23	16	4	9	6	20
Leuton	37	9	6	4	33	21	6	5	7	19
Grimsby	37	10	7	2	21	9	4	6	8	15
Sheff Wed	36	13	4	1	33	10	3	4	11	13
Derby Cnly	38	8	8	3	31	24	5	6	8	21
Sheff Utd	38	10	6	5	27	11	6	5	8	19
Chelsea	38	8	6	5	27	11	6	5	8	19
O.P.R.	38	10	6	3	31	12	4	5	10	17
Cambridge	37	12	1	6	30	20	4	5	9	16
Newcastle	37	10	5	3	18	11	3	7	9	8
Orion	36	9	7	3	32	16	4	4	11	17
Wrexham	37	4	8	6	16	20	7	5	7	20
Bolton	38	10	4	5	39	23	4	3	12	19
Watford	37	11	5	3	30	17	1	5	12	13
Oldham	38	6	9	4	17	14	4	5	10	18
Shrewsbury	38	8	5	6	28	19	1	9	9	23
Cardiff	37	7	5	6	21	21	4	4	11	19
Preston	37	7	6	5	25	22	6	1	11	11
Bristol City	38	6	8	5	18	14	0	6	13	7
Bristol R	38	4	9	6	20	21	1	4	14	12
ENGLISH DIV 3										
P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	P	W	D	L
Rotherham	41	16	5	0	40	6	6	7	7	17
Charlton	41	13	5	2	33	14	10	3	8	25
Garnsey	41	13	4	3	40	17	6	11	4	25
Middlesdtd	41	13	5	3	35	8	8	6	6	22
Chasetdtd	41	14	4	2	36	14	5	5	11	27
Portsmouth	41	13	5	3	32	16	6	4	10	16
Rumley	41	12	4	4	32	15	5	8	8	22
Plymouth	41	12	4	4	32	12	5	8	8	19
Exeter	41	9	6	5	33	27	7	4	10	25
Brentford	42	6	8	7	27	23	6	9	6	20
Millwall	42	10	8	3	30	19	4	5	12	12
Reading	41	11	5	5	35	21	4	5	11	18
Fulham	42	7	7	7	26	27	6	9	6	20
Carlisle	41	8	9	4	31	25	5	4	11	21
Sheff Utd	41	12	6	3	37	17	2	4	14	25
Chesham	41	10	5	6	23	15	4	5	11	25
Gillingham	42	8	7	6	21	18	4	6	10	23
Swindon	41	10	4	7	34	26	3	7	10	27
Newport	40	8	6	6	31	21	4	6	10	23
Oxford	41	5	8	8	17	23	6	4	8	17
Colchester	42	11	7	3	34	20	2	5	12	14
Walsall	42	7	8	6	40	41	4	5	12	14
Blackpool	41	4	7	9	17	27	4	4	13	25
Hull	40	5	6	8	17	19	1	7	13	16
ENGLISH DIV 4										
P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	P	W	D	L
Southend	42	18	3	0	44	4	9	3	9	27
Lincoln	41	13	7	1	42	11	9	7	4	20
Doncaster	42	13	4	4	32	19	7	6	8	21
Wimbledon	41	13	4	3	35	12	7	5	9	21
Aldershot	42	12	8	1	26	9	6	10	15	29
Peterborough	42	10	7	4	34	19	6	8	7	28
Mansfield	41	12	4	5	33	14	7	3	10	24
Bournemouth	42	9	8	4	30	19	5	9	9	23
Darlington	41	11	5	4	37	20	6	5	10	23
Hartlepool	42	12	3	6	37	22	6	5	10	21
Wigan	43	11	4	6	26	15	5	6	11	18
Torquay	41	13	1	6	37	21	5	3	17	35
Northampton	40	10	5	5	30	24	5	5	10	19
Bradford	41	8	9	4	28	23	4	7	9	18
Crews	43	10	6	6	28	20	3	7	11	17
Bury	41	9	7	4	31	18	3	3	13	27
Rochdale	42	9	6	5	28	21	3	8	9	25
Scunthorpe	40	7	11	3	34	27	2	8	11	17
Tranmere	41	11	4	5	37	20	1	5	15	18
Port Vale	39	9	6	5	37	21	2	5	12	15
Stockport	41	8	8	5	26	24	2	3	13	13
York	41	10	8	30	17	27	2	6	13	13
Halifax	42	7	3	11	25	32	2	8	11	15
Hereford	39	7	6	7	26	19	1	4	14	6
SCOTTISH PREM DIV										
P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	P	W	D	L
Celtic	32	12	2	3	46	17	12	1	2	32
Aberdeen	32	10	3	2	36	14	8	6	3	22
Rangers	31	10	3	2	28	9	4	7	3	21
Dundee Utd	31	6	4	4	25	18	9	4	5	22
St Mirren	32	7	6	3	23	19	8	2	6	26
Airdrie	32	5	5	6	15	21	4	4	8	16
Partick	33	6	5	6	16	16	4	4	9	12
Morton	32	6	2	9	22	28	3	7	10	25
Hearts	33	3	4	10	9	25	2	2	12	15
Kilmarnock	32	3	4	9	14	30	1	3	12	6
SCOTTISH DIV 1										
P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	P	W	D	L
Hibernian	36	12	4	2	33	9	10	4	4	28
Raith	36	12	4	2	33	9	8	3	6	22
St Johnstone	37	11	3	5	30	21	7	3	6	22
Dundee	36	13	4	2	41	18	6	4	7	19
Motherwell	35	14	4	1	40	19	3	6	7	18
Ayr	37	10	5	3	32	15	6	6	7	25
Hamilton	37	8	5	4	24	24	3	6	7	18
Dumbarton	36	7	5	6	21	21	4	5	9	24
Falkirk	37	7	7	2	23	27	5	4	10	12
Clydebank	33	6	5	5	26	25	2	6	9	15
E. Fife	37	11	3	5	30	21	7	3	6	22
Dunfermline	35	5	2	10	14	25	4	4	10	23
Striving A	36	4	6	8	13	18	2	5	11	5
Berwick	36	5	6	7	17	25	0	5	13	11
SCOTTISH DIV 2										
P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	P	W	D	L
Queens Park	36	9	8	2	29	18	5	9	3	28
Alloa	35	10	4	5	28	20	5	8	4	29
Brechin	35	8	4	2	28	17	8	5	6	20
Brechin	35	8	7	3	26	17	7	6	6	25
Forfar	36	8	3	6	29	29	7	6	6	25
Gowendinish	33	6	3	3	28	16	6	5	7	26
Clyde	36	2	8	3	36	26	4	5	9	22
Arbroath	35	7	3	6	24	20	7	3	9	31
Montrose	35	7	3	6	24	20	7	3	9	31
Stenhousemuir	36	6	4	6	26	31	8	4	6	24
East Fife	36	6	4	4	21	21	4	6	8	21
Albion	35	5	2	11	16	25	5	5	6	24
Meadowbank	36	5	2	11	16	25	3	3	13	13
Stranraer	36	4	4	10	19	37	3	2	13	13